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KRNCEVIC SET FOR DINAMO

By JOHN FIELD

Eddie Krncevic could be playing for Dinamo Zagreb within a matter of weeks.

Dinamo have discussed a transfer with Krncevic and with his club, Marconi.

Krncevic is keen to sign for the Yugoslavian club — and, more important, Marconi will not stand in his way.

Last night, the Marconi committee had a meeting to discuss the Krncevic affair.

Soccer president, Tony Labbozzetta, told AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY: "The transfer fee is not an enormous one. Yugoslavian clubs don't pay the big money you might expect in Italy or England.

"But that's not the real issue. We do not believe we

should stand in the way of a boy who wants to move up the Soccer ladder.

"It is a wonderful opportunity for Eddie."

This news will certainly not be well received at the Australian Soccer Federation.

President Sir Arthur George and coach Rudi Gutendorf are determined to prevent members of the Socceroo squad leaving Australia until after the World Cup bid is ended.

Krncevic has signed a document agreeing to remain here but he was not happy about signing.

It is doubtful if that agreement could legally force any player to stay in this country if he wants to go overseas.

ASW understands Dinamo has already bought a hair-dressing salon in Zagreb ready for Krncevic to take over. Eddie is a qualified hairdresser.

If the transfer goes through, it will open the floodgates because two or three other star Socceroos are also wanted by leading European clubs.

ABC AND 0-28 TO SHARE WORLD CUP

By Alex Vesic

When 0-28 multicultural television came into being, we were told that it would be the Soccer channel. The slogan "the whole world of entertainment" did not fail its promises and we had the opportunity to see the best overseas Soccer including the "little Mundial" from Uruguay.

And 0-28 true to its word, also decided to go into the local Soccer scene. Top Soccer will come to our homes this season via this channel from Sydney, Newcastle, Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra.

However, when contracts were signed and 0-28 decided to take the local content it was assumed that all the big Soccer events would go to the channel.

Somehow it didn't work that way.

It appears that Channel Ten has the rights to the Youth World Cup, while the ABC has snatched the World Cup in Spain '82 through the Asian Broadcasting Union.

So is 0-28, for the time

being left on a limb?

In search of an answer ASW talked to Mr Derek White of the ABC, Sir Arthur George president of the ASF and Rick Booth of the ASF Marketing division.

First off the rank was Mr White.

Question: In the past, the ABC alone has fol-

lowed Australia's progress in the World Cup on radio and TV. Does it still have the rights to cover Australia's preliminary matches during this year?

Answer: It is not clear as yet. We are debating the issue and should know soon.

Q: What about the fi-

nals in Spain in 1982. The ABC announced last year that it had been awarded exclusive rights to the 1982 World Cup. Sir Arthur George subsequently challenged the validity of this claim. Who are we to believe?

A: ABC has the rights to the World Cup

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ALL SMILES AS MARCONI SOCIAL CLUB PRESIDENT ANGELO BAGATELLA AND DAVID MORTIMER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF CAPITOL MOTORS, THE DATSUN DISTRIBUTORS, CLINCH THE LUCRATIVE SPONSORSHIP DEAL.

MARCONI SHOULD MOTOR WELL

Probably the richest sponsorship deal in Australian Soccer was finalised by Marconi when the Fairfield club came to terms with Datsun last week.

In cash and kind, Marconi should benefit by close to a quarter of million dollars over the next three years.

This year, Datsun will contribute \$48,000 in actual cash plus various other goodies - including a mini-bus for the use of the teams.

Next year, that figure will be considerably increased if Marconi finish either first or second in the Philips Soccer League.

Marconi president Tony Labbozzetta said: "This is a marvellous sponsorship - certainly the best in the history of this club. I hope Marconi justify the confidence of the Datsun people by producing the right results, on and off the field."

To celebrate the partnership, Marconi will change their playing strip and will now play in the red, white and blue Datsun colours.

EDITORIAL

It is a pity the visiting Dinamo Zagreb drew healthy attendances in Sydney and Canberra for matches against NSW and Australia.

The 13,000 people who turned up on a drizzly night at Sydney Sports Ground virtually ensured the financial success of the tour. There were another 8,000 at Bruce Stadium. . . so it was clear nobody was likely to lose money on the tour, particularly with matches in Adelaide and Melbourne to follow.

In other words, we are stuck with these unseasonal silly season matches.

Only a year ago, after Czechoslovakia inflicted humiliating hidings on Australia in Canberra and Sydney, national coach Rudi Gutendorf pledged he would never again allow his Socceroos to tackle top overseas opponents in January.

Gutendorf should have stuck by his decision.

In case the matchmakers at the Australian Soccer Federation and the State Federations still haven't realised it, January is NOT a Soccer month in this country. The players don't want to play; the spectators, apart from isolated ethnic groups, don't want to watch. And media bosses are most miserly when asked to allocate space on their sports pages, or radio and TV time, to January Soccer.

It is no wonder that people involved in other codes of football tend to regard Soccer as slightly mad to start its season so early — in high summer. Soccer folk have even been ridiculed, accused of making the sport a 12-months-a-year pursuit.

Why are these tours by European teams foisted on an unwilling public every year?

Surely not because they are money spinners. Despite the good patronage of the present Dinamo Zagreb tour, January games more often than not prove box office disasters. Yet the ASF and the States continue to invite visiting teams in the hope that a gullible public will, once in a while, roll up in thousands to put a few dollars into the kitty.

In more civilised Soccer nations, there is a strict rule about how long the season should last. In England, for instance, it is unthinkable that there should be any matches during June and July, plus most of May and August.

This, despite the fact that the English climate is not too severe for matches to be played in the summer.

Perhaps Australia stages January tour games to line the pockets of individual promoters. These people usually deduct their percentage from gross takings and even when crowds are small, they seldom lose money.

When AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY asked a leading official why European teams are brought here in January, the reply was: "That is the only time of the year they are available to tour."

So what! Is Australia running a mid-season tropical haven for clubs and national teams wishing to give their players match practice when the weather shuts down much of Europe?

ASW believes it would be in the best interests of Australian Soccer to have a four-months complete break during November, December, January and February.

An eight-months playing season should be sufficient for any sport, particularly in a country like Australia where soaring summer temperatures are most unsuitable for football.

Many people have asked me about my impressions on Australian Soccer in just under three weeks in your lovely country.

Initially, on coming out here to Australia after managing teams like Manchester United, Aston Villa, Derby and Queens Park Rangers, I thought it would be very difficult to adjust, but honestly not as difficult as I first imagined.

This is because people in Australia, generally, have been very nice and very kind to me.

I've seen some Australian football so far, including last Friday's Charity Shield match between Marconi and Sydney Slickers and the Wollongong-Newcastle KB trial game, in which I saw an old adversary from England, but a wonderful professional and a credit to the game, in Paul Reaney, who now of course plays for Newcastle. No doubt I'll be seeing Paul at least a couple of times during the season.

But the thing that most impressed me was the number of talented young players that are coming along.

The other night at the Charity Shield match I was very impressed with the two teams. I thought the Slickers played a little bit like the Liverpool style of football — simple passing, quick supporting of each other and creating a fair amount of chances, without really taking any. Ironically enough, the chance they did slot home was a surprising glancing back-header.

I'm sure the scorer was as surprised as anyone else!

But it is an amazing thing, football — it's never won until it's lost.

In the very last minute a last attack by Marconi, a quick overlap on the right, a beautiful cross, and the Slickers defender unfortunately heading past the young

goalkeeper.

Tony Pezzano, the goalkeeper, is a young player who impressed me by his attitude, by his ability, and by his total alertness during the 90 minutes, whether he was active or inactive.

Obviously the national players who were on view looked OK, but it was funny to see players, because of the extra-time period, taking a break.

This is usually a thing you see at the end of a season, a hard season, especially in England, but when you take into consideration that all the players in Australia are only part-time, it is a bit unusual to get extra-time this early in the season.

I also saw my old friend Rudi Gutendorf at the match. This man has been a great friend to me for just over 15 years.

I am very amazed and disappointed at the conflict out here that seems to exist, and I have viewed this for only three weeks in Australia, between New South Wales and the national team.

The national team must always come first.

If you have a successful national side you have a successful domestic competition and this is very very important.

Everyone should get behind Rudi Gutendorf AND Sir Arthur George AND Brian Le Fevre, the secretary AND Aulden Brown who are all involved in running a successful competition

to produce one day, it is hoped, a great national side and of course a great league, as the Philips League will be one day, I'm sure of that.

So it's important to all you spectators, no matter what nationality you are, Greek, Peruvian, Iranian, Chinese, Scottish, English, Japanese; if you're an Australian, and living in the country, or if you work here, it's important that you get behind the national team and cheer them, to help them, whether they're doing well or doing badly, on to the qualifying rounds to Spain for the World Cup.

It's easy to have a go at people when things are not going well. But your support is needed more when it's not going well; when it is going well it's lovely to get help and encouragement, but it's not as important as when things are going badly for you.

I've known Sir Arthur George since 1964; he's a man I've always been impressed with him because he's his own man. He's a strong man, and to be the football boss he has been for so long in Australia, you have to be a strong man and you have to be a hard man.

But I'll tell you what: he's a fair man.

In all the criticism of Mr Gutendorf, like a good president should, he came out very strongly behind and in support of Rudi Gutendorf.



TOMMY DOCHERTY

What we need in Australia now is some more Arthur Georges with that attitude in supporting his manager, and football in Australia, I can assure you my friends, will be all the better for it.

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When I talk about friendship, I think about my own president, Mr John Constantine, and his committee, and the Greek community in general, with my good little friend John Thomson ("Johnny-opoulos" as we call him) who's been a friend of mine since as long as I can remember. I call him the Mickey Rooney of Soccer — he knows everyone, and he's just like a football: he bounces all over the place, making friends.

As I say, Mr Constantine, and the Greek community as a whole, and all the people of Sydney Olympians, have made my stay in Australia so far very very welcome and very very warming.

I feel I have known John Constantine 20 years, instead of about three weeks.

He and his good lady have been good friends of mine, entertained me at their home, and couldn't have done more

re for me.

And no matter how successful I am, I know I will always have great friends, and that's something worth having.

I hope, for Mr Constantine and his hard working committee, that I can bring them success.

That I cannot promise: what I can promise is hard-work and dedication to the job that they saw fit to give me.

Pessimists, and I have met a few, say to me "Oh, working for a Greek club, a couple of bad results, and they'll string you to the rafters."

Football is the same the world over, whether it's Greek football, or working for the Greek people, or Chinese, or Italians or in England.

In England, if you win three games you're a hero; if you lose three you're an idiot. So to the pessimists I say, please don't think of the Greek people any differently from any other supporters, because all the world loves a winner, and in football, that cannot be.

Read my article, digest it properly, look what I have had to say, and I'm sure at the end of the day you'll say what I'm talking about is commonsense.

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in Spain. They were obtained through the Asian Pacific Broadcasting Union.

Q: I understand that at one stage last year, you were considering the feasibility of televising PSL matches this season. Were you surprised at the ASF's exclusive agreement with the 0-28 channel?

A: We were interested in televising local Soccer, so naturally we were surprised. We did so much for Soccer in the past, and we expected to be given the chance to bid.

Q: At the time the con-

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tracts were signed, the Channel 0-28 management announced publicly that they would make available video-tapes of PSL matches to other networks including the ABC. You've indicated your interest in televising local content but didn't take up this offer. Why?

A: Times of screening, plus other conditions imposed did not suit us.

SIR ARTHUR GEORGE DENIES ABC'S CLAIM

Sir Arthur George, the long standing president of the ASF denied ABC's exclusive agreement for the

World Cup games in Spain and so did Rick Booth the man who stands at the helm of the ASF's Marketing division.

Sir Arthur George had this to say: "We approached FIFA on this subject and found that they would not sign an agreement between the Asian Broadcasting Union and ABC unless 0-28 is included."

After all, 0-28 were not given a chance to bid in the first place.

As far as the qualifying games leading to the World Cup in Spain are con-

cerned, 0-28 is contracted to it, but the exact conditions of the deal are better known to Mr Booth.

RICK BOOTH — COMPROMISE IS THE KEY WORD

Rick Booth, who stands at the top of the advertising and marketing world of Soccer was our willing helper. Asked about the rights and wrongs Mr Booth had this to say.

"We approached TV stations last year in February on the issue of televising local Soccer. The 0-28 channel, committed to Soccer, indicated its willingness to support and televise local Soccer, but also expressed interest in televising qualifying games leading to the World Cup in Spain as well as the games from Spain in '82. At that time, they indicated that they are also members of the ABU (Asian Broadcasting Union)."

When we learned of the ABC's "exclusive" rights to the World Cup in Spain, we were naturally surprised, but I must stress that the ABC is a "non-exclusive" channel, as well as 0-28.

Since both channels are members of the ABU, it appears that the best solution at the moment is for these two channels to share the games from the World Cup. SBS (part of 0-28 network) is to make an approach to ABC on sharing the

World Cup.

It would appear that the ABC will have the option to take up the sharing of the qualifying rounds leading to the World Cup with 0-28 if the agreement on sharing the actual World Cup comes off. It is also important to note that the quantity of games from Spain will be far larger than in the past with 24 teams competing, and for that reason both channels should share responsibilities, bringing the game to as many viewers as possible.

FIFA, in the meantime, has indicated that ABC and 0-28 must cooperate since both channels are committed to Soccer, and that's where we stand at the moment. I think that they will cooperate because 0-28 is willing to share its Soccer content with anyone, and as you know, some of that content has already gone to country centres through Channel Nine.

The situation is at a standstill at the moment, but hopefully will improve in the near future. Both channels are prepared to talk. The only problem that exists must be that the ABC is still upset at the formation of channel 0-28 as a separate entity and is probably reluctant to talk to its "younger brother" on even terms.

But that is only my point of view.

SHIRRA DEAL HOLD-UP

Scottish player, Jim Shirra, who was alleged to be joining South Melbourne on a free transfer from Dundee, has now had a fee of \$10,000 slapped on him.

This has produced a deadlock in South's efforts to fix up Shirra — indeed it could kill the transfer move completely.

Sam Papasavas, the club's president, insists South Melbourne will not

be blackmailed and will refuse to pay cash for a "free" player.

Meanwhile, Shirra is continuing to train with his new team-mates but he will not be selected for any competition games.

Papasavas has even

threatened to send Shirra back to Scotland — rather than pay the \$10,000.

A.S.W., however, understands that, if it comes to a showdown, South Melbourne will cough up the cash. . . even though reluctantly.

A REAL "HOME" FOR THE SOCCEROOS

By STEVE BURNS

The Australian national team has been formally offered the use of the country's top indoor and outdoor sports complexes for future big match preparation.

They are the national capital's magnificent new \$6 million indoor sports complex and the \$6 million Bruce Athletics Stadium — home of Canberra Arrows. The offer was made to national coach, Rudi Gutendorf, by the manager of the complex, Mr David Dixon.

It was immediately accepted.

It is a magnanimous offer and comes at an opportune time.

In future, the demands for the use of Bruce

Stadium will grow rapidly and could even include its use by NSW Country Rugby League.

The new indoor sport stadium has magnificent facilities; is adjacent to Bruce Stadium, which apart from its international standard Soccer field also has a fully floodlit, fully equipped training area.

Rudi Gutendorf said he was overjoyed at the offer.

It is expected to be accepted, and acted upon, by the Australian Soccer Federation.

But the future use of Bruce Stadium for mass appeal sports or other events must force Canberra's Department of Capital Territory bureaucrats to urgently examine access facilities.

They are totally inadequate at present. This was clearly illustrated at the recent Dinamo Zagreb game.

Only minutes before the scheduled kick-off time of 4-30 pm. upwards of 1,500 people queued outside the ground — the longer they waited the uglier became

the crowd's mood.

Yet with the O'Connor entrance barricaded off, fans had first to go to one of four windows, pay and get their tickets, and then move into separate lines before entering through gates.

That arrangement is quite inadequate. The ASF must make the strongest possible representations well before the preliminary and quarter final Coca-Cola World Youth Cup night games are held in Canberra in October.

Both could attract near the 15,000 mark.

The public must have much quicker access to the arena if possible incidents with crowd control are to be avoided.



GIANTS SHOOT GUNNERS

By Tom McKain

While trial games can't be taken too seriously, Adelaide Giants were delighted with their 2-1 win over South Melbourne Gunners at Norwood Oval.

Big David Mitchell, the Socceroo Youth team striker, showed his class and got the equaliser in the second half after Alun Evans had put South in front in the first period.

Midfielder Agnor Muniz, given a roving commission, cut in from the right for a winning drive in the closing stages.

Mitchell and 16 year old David Rankin renewed their partnership from the trial win over Hawks, and again showed understanding and a willingness to take on their more experienced opponents.

With midfielder Glenn Dods out with a virus and midfielder or sweeper Johnny Perin limping on an injured ankle, Giants more than delighted their fans.

And D'Ottavi still has two midfield stars to come in — Sergio Melta (on holiday in Italy) and Brian Northcote, resting back and ankle injuries.

South coach John Margaritis was not upset by the result. It was his team's first serious trial.

And they were minus George Campbell (knee) and one of their new Scottish signings, Jim Shirra, former Dundee midfielder.

Margaritis said he had been most impressed by Shirra in training.

South's other Scottish import, striker Bob Stewart from Hearts, played, but while showing some nice touches, was obviously not acclimatised.

However, Evans showed all his old fire and enthusiasm, and John Stevenson, signed from Sydney City, fitted in quickly to the Gunners' pattern.

GONE WITH THE WIND!

By Ian Smith

It was obvious from the outset that the strong southerly wind would play a decisive role in the Prime Minister's Cup match between Newcastle KB United and Canberra Arrows.

The story of the first half was a succession of KB midfield attacks floundering because of lack of control in the blustery conditions.

Canberra's counter attacks flopped at the other end on the rock of KB's back-line.

It was only when Canberra's left-winger Brennan left shadow Reaney and moved to the opposite flank to face Curran that Canberra's attack had any penetration however.

The half ended with spectators praying for better things to come.

They didn't have to wait long. In the 54th minute a throughball from Bertogna was caught by David Jones after he outpaced the defence. Then he clinically lobbed the ball over Hoszowski for KB's first goal.

Eight minutes later, in

desperation, Canberra substituted Brennan and Giampaolo with Valeri and Farrell.

This stabilised them momentarily and soon after, John O'Shea had Canberra's best chance well saved by Dando.

It was short-lived however. In the 71st minute one of the finest pieces of back-up work ever seen at the Sports Centre occurred between Malcolm McClelland and David Jones as the two worked the ball down the left flank.

McClelland moved into the box to receive the final ball from Jones and slotted home beneath the diving Hoszowski.

A surprise substitution in the 81st minute, when Burrows came on for Jones, soon paid dividends when a timely pass from Bertogna found Burrows

STRAIGHT SHOOTING

With MIKE MYSTAKIDIS



The fifth Philips League competition starts very soon. Ready on the starting point are the teams who will participate and chase after the 1981 title.

For the first time in the short period of PSL history — but big in action and competition — 16 teams are participating.

This means that Soccer's roots have extended more, but have not deepened as much as they should have.

For this "deepness" to develop it is essential that professional Soccer know-how is gained beforehand: and the right people who can teach correctly, not only to players but to club administrators, are found. Many of them continue to act amateurishly in a semi-professional status such as ours.

A few days ago a Philips League club in Sydney risked losing a quarter of a million dollar sponsorship from a big company, because someone made the wrong move by conveying the news to a newspaper before the official announcement.

Through good luck the sponsorship was granted, but the loser was the company which didn't receive the publicity it deserved, because no-one wants to publicise second-hand and four-day-old news.

People who don't respect and honour agreements obviously can't be expected to respect their team... or Soccer.

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Many people believed that with their PSL relegation, Sydney Olympic would be scratched from the Soccer records. They made a tragic mistake. The Olympians haven't finished.

On the contrary, they have made a comeback with the willingness not only to improve their own playing standard but also the standard of Soccer in Australia.

If a few months ago, someone had the guts to say he was going to bring Tommy Docherty here, he would have been called crazy. Today Docherty is among us. He is putting the right emphasis on Olympic and Australian Soccer generally.

It is encouraging that, along with Tommy Docherty, another big name in European Soccer is here. He is the Yugoslavian Frank Arok, the St George coach.

Without underestimating the ability of our coaches, I believe we need more names like Docherty and Arok if we want to improve the quality, the show and of course the crowds.

THE PRESTO SOCCER QUIZ

Do you want a nice leg of ham? Or maybe five kilos of smallgoods? Here's an easy way to get either.

All you have to do is answer the simple Soccer questions in our PRESTO QUIZ and send them on a sheet of paper to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, Presto Quiz, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007. State your preference — either the ham or the smallgoods.

The first correct entry to be checked is the winner. All entries must be in this office by next Monday.

The prizes come from Presto Smallgoods Pty.Ltd. So you know they are the very best on the market.

Answers to last week's questions were:—

1. Canberra Arrows; 2. Murray Barnes; 3. Jimmmy Shoulder;
4. Coca-Cola; 5. Dinamo Zagreb; 6. Dutch.

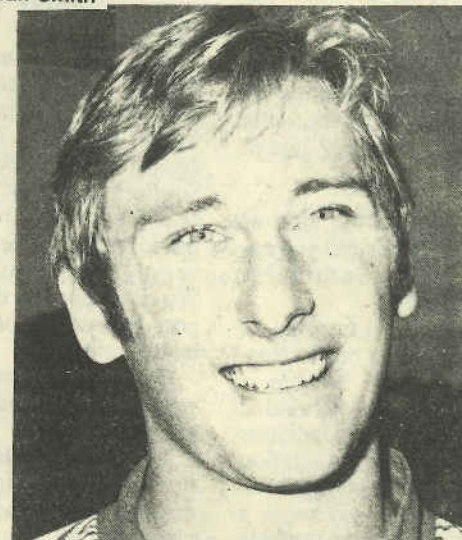
The winner of our first Presto Soccer Quiz of 1981 was:— Sgt. Colin Campbell from the Royal Military College, Duntroon, A.C.T. 2600. He chose a leg of Presto ham for his prize.

Now for this week's questions:—

1. What was the result of the Australia v Dinamo Zagreb match in Canberra?
2. Name the English FA Cup holders.
3. Which international side was managed by Tommy Docherty?
4. Which Sydney club was relegated from the PSL at the end of last season?
5. Did Johann Cruyff play in the 1978 World Cup in Argentina?
6. Which PSL club has announced a sponsorship from Datsun?

In next week's AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, we will publish the name and address of the winner

It could be you - but get your entry in the post as early as possible.



PAUL BURROWS

who crashed home a right-foot shot from close range with his first touch of the ball.

Though the numerous substitutions may have confused players, Canberra still appeared to lack understanding between de-

fence and attack. Don McLaren's probing passes in the second half were the most notable feature of the visitors' play, while Malcolm McClelland and Arno Bertogna showed the zest and the inspiration to give KB their well-deserved 3-0 victory.

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FRANK AROK TALKS TO ALEX VESIC

The man who guided the fortunes of St George over a decade ago is back in town again and back at the helm of this famous club. In 1969 he came for the first time to St George, the club that finished second last the season before.

Could you imagine the Saints of old to finish up the season with four wins and 12 losses and, with six drawn games, only one better than last-placed Manly? That was the sorry sight they were, when Arok came to the club.

We approached Arok at St George Club to tell us about that team in 1969 that slowly grew into one of the finest outfits this country has seen.

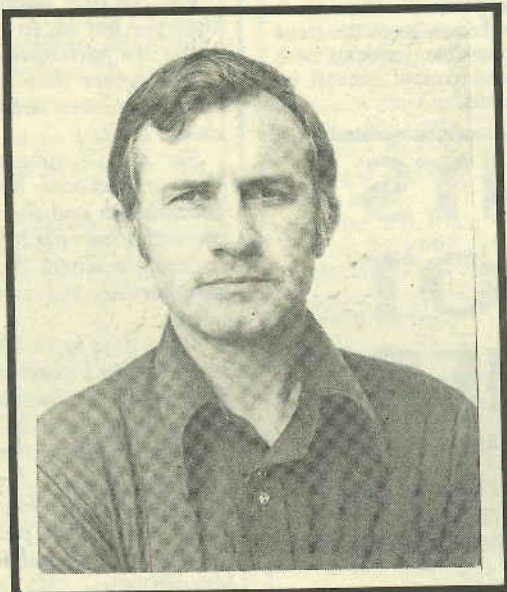
Q: What do you think was the ingredient that laid the foundations for success in 1969?

A: I was concerned at the lack of spirit around the team. To finish eleventh in the competition of 12 was a disaster that could have easily induced even greater problems. I wanted more fire-power up front as well as solid defence. I realised the potential of Atti, Abonyi and had him signed from Melbourne. George Yardley and Mike Denton were the next acquisitions, but that was the end of buying. I was mostly concerned with the local products and brought into the side players like Morgan, the Harris brothers and Williams, just to name a few.

Q: What kind of problems did you experience on arrival in 1969?

A: It was a different era of Soccer. Semi-professionalism ruled and basic conditions for team preparation were missing. We trained only twice a week on an outside field at Wentworth Park. It was full of pot-holes and did nothing to enhance the chance of a youngster eager to learn in practice.

Q: What measures did you take first to counter the problem?



A: I increased the number of training sessions to four a week. Some players objected to it, insisting that it clashed with their work etc. Those who could not devote their time to the game finished on the outer. I managed to obtain Carss Park as our next training ground and for once we looked set for our preparations for the coming season in earnest.

Q: Did you have full powers of selection and purchase of players?

A: I was the first full-time coach in Australia, so the rest followed automatically.

Q: Your success was almost immediate. What did you consider the turning point in 1969?

A: Well, we started the season with a bang. Against Yugal, 11-1; then 7-1 against a very good South Coast side a few rounds later paved the way for a very good season. We got pipped at the post by South Coast by a single point.

Q: Next season you finished second, yet again.

A: The satisfaction of success came through our attacking style. We scored 56 goals in 1969 (eight more than the nearest rival), followed by 71 in 1970 (nine more than Hakoah).

Q: You were criticised for selecting nine St George players in the NSW side that played

against the visiting Dinamo Moscow, while in charge of the NSW team.

A: We drew 3-3 with Dinamo and all the critics were silenced. Surely the result spoke for itself. In fact if you look back you'll find that I created the backbone of a team that went with Rale Rasic to Germany, to the World Cup in 1974. Williams, Utjesenovic, Alston, Hogg, Warren, Schaefer... those were the players that proved so successful in my side and in later St George and Australia selections.

Q: You left the club before the 1971 season started. The decline of St George started after 1974. Why did the club fall on lean times?

A: Loss of Warren, Alston, Schaefer, Abonyi and Fernandez was felt since no replacements were found. The process of rebuilding the side was not gradual and for that reason the side suffered. Choice of men who led the team was also another contributor. The side was on the slide after the departure of Warren.

Q: Surely St George was the team that could always create a great player?

A: If you lose so many players in a very short period of time, it is difficult to create new ones overnight. Still, it is important to note that great clubs create great individuals and not the

reverse as some people imagine. If you have a good side, one, two or more amongst that lot will definitely shine. The case would not apply if these two or three players played for a small struggling team.

Q: What about conditions for yet another Saints revival?

A: We have a different set of circumstances to those I experienced in 1969. Conditions for work are far better. We have the best stadium in the country, also an administration of solid calibre and a Soccer House that equals the best in the land. It was a tragedy that St George were relegated, but the decision to relegate our club from the Philips League might help. Instead of fighting for every point to ensure our status in the Philips League, we can pay attention to forming a team that will bring success to this great club.

Q: Can you guarantee success?

A: I never ask a player to guarantee me a goal, but I will be happy if he does what is necessary to create an opportunity for himself. Scoring will follow.

Q: Have you enough players to work with?

A: At the moment quite a few. But the squad should take shape soon.

Q: Are you happy with the conditions of your employment?

A: Certainly. I am empowered to make a lot of decisions myself, but I work in close liaison with the president and other members of the executive. Let's not forget that it was Alex Pongrass and I who initiated the idea of a national competition. You must remember our first-up win in the Interstate Cup. It was an idea of Mr Pongrass that is proving so successful at the moment.

Q: You are very loyal to St George. Do you think that it is the necessary ingredient for success?

A: If you are loyal to the club, you can demand loyalty from your players and thus create the spirit so necessary for long term success.



With the Girls

By DON BALMAIN

NEW FACES FOR 1981

In Victoria, there is a change in leadership.

Eric Holbrook stepped down from being president after being connected with the Victorian Women's Soccer Association since it started in 1974.

Eric's efforts were recognised at their recent A.G.M. when he was made a Life Member.

Mr Bob Slape is the new president.

Other members of the Victorian Executive:—

Vice president, Brian Sharkey; secretary, Betty Hoar; treasurer, Jim Goodman; social secretary, Poppy Athanasiadis; publicity officer, Ivan Schmidt.

On February 8, the Victorian Association will be holding a five-a-side social competition as a sort of warm up to the season. The first games are scheduled to be played in the Footscray Y.M.C.A.

It looks like an expansion in clubs as well for the new season.

Betty Hoar tells us that they are hopeful of having at least six more clubs joining up for the 1981 competitions.

Victoria already has selected its State coach. After the applicants for the position were processed, Michael Hoar got the nod from the committee.

Mick, who has been coaching for some time, should do well if past indications are anything to go by.

Don Jones, the coach with the Victorian State side for the past two years, can now sit back and relax for a while from the frantic running around usually involved with the job.

Betty tells us that she was not very impressed with the prices that the motel/hotels want for accommodation near Chatswood, the suburb of Sydney where the Nationals will be held in August.

She secured rooms for her girls in Manly, a seaside suburb about 30 minutes from the ground.

From Northern N.S.W. we are advised that they too have elected their new committee.

Alan Hampton, the previous president, was re-elected this year with Lionel Sneyd as his deputy.

Their secretary is Graham Ellercamp and Irene Sneyd is the treasurer.

Pat Moffett is the registrar with the publicity officer being Don Garrad.

Jim Selby, the National Australian Women's coach, has moved from Northern N.S.W. to the sugar cane country, Bundaberg in Queensland.

At 28 years of age, Jim has been appointed the Regional Director for the Bundaberg area.

We understand that he is the youngest full-time coach ever appointed in Australia.

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A devil for punishment seems to be the way of life for South Australia's Noel McGuinness.

After nearly running himself into the ground as secretary of the S.A. Women's Soccer Association, when he so ably directed the National Titles, he will be taking the reins as president of the Association.

The rest of his committee are Terry Fitzgerald as vice president, Rae Tanti as secretary, Jack Calgie will balance the books, Vic Smith will be registrar and Sonja Martens will be the all-important public relations officer.

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Recently all State Associations were asked by the A.W.S.A. to give their answers to the question, "If you were given \$5,000 to improve women's Soccer in your State, how would you do it?"

Unfortunately, the A.W.S.A. was not able to get the views of three State bodies but from the remainder, the answer was loud and clear.

Without exception, the need for coaching of juniors was paramount on their lists.

Coaching of coaches was next on the list with special emphasis being given to those coaches who would be able to attend a "live-in" camp.

The probability of an East Coast competition also was mooted with special thought being given to the Under 14 to U17 age groups.

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Things are stirring in the A.C.T. this season. Sarah Briggs has been elected president with Heather Reid as vice president. The interim secretary is Clare McGrath and the treasurer is Marianne Stell.

Registrar and publicity officer are Marg Barclay and Edna Dundas.

Canberra have also elected two special officers for this year. They are Chris Hodges as the finance officer and the ground refs and fixtures officer is Sara Twigg-Patterson.

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The executive of the A.W.S.A. has decided that as from 1981, there will be only two trophies awarded. The reason behind it was that the additional trophies awarded for this and that were detracting from the main trophies, the Champions trophy and the Runner-Up trophy. All participants will be awarded a certificate to honour their taking part.

Some of the things that the A.W.S.A. hopes to do with the capitation levy which was asked for this year from all Associations in Australia will be to cover assistance to States disadvantaged by distance.

Another disbursement will be for referees' fees and assistance for them at the State Titles.

More to the heart of Associations and clubs will be the \$250 that will be passed back to each State from the A.W.S.A. for junior coaching.

Are you looking for new players for your club? Do you want a new coach? Or a masseur?

Perhaps you want to let people know about forthcoming attractions at your club.

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FAMILY DRAWS \$180,000 FROM HAT

A Sydney man and his family recently placed 55 numbers in a hat and then took turns in selecting numbers from it for their regular pools coupon. And the system has paid off for them.

When told they had 10 of the 12 score draws on their entry, 52 year old Charlie Littlefield, a Telecom linesman attached to the Prestons branch said:

"You've got to be having me on. I haven't checked the coupon but surely you're having a

go at me."

When satisfied they had in fact won the scoop and other dividends totalling \$180,500.05 Charlie added:

"I've always been a hard working chap, and I've still got eight years to go before I retire.

However now if I ever feel like quitting earlier I will be able to."

Charlie and his wife Joyce have two daughters, Jennifer 19 and Caroline 17.

Both girls said they would like to travel around Australia and New Zealand. Both Charlie and his wife Joyce agreed they too would love to see New Zealand at the first opportunity, but as yesterday was Charlie's first day back at work after his annual leave they

would have to wait for a little while.

Asked if he might now replace his seven year old car he replied: "Yes, but it won't be anything flashy. Just a nice small reliable one. That's all I need."

THE SCOOP DIVIDEND:

Win or share of scoop prize 31 points including highest dividend 24 points \$155,438.25.

Scoop Winner: Charlie Littlefield of Sydney (a Libra), scoop winner total prize \$180,500.05



Charlie and his workmates celebrate the big Pools win.

the Pools Results	
SCORE DRAWS 3 pts	1, 16, 23, 26, 37
SCORELESS DRAWS 2 pts	13, 20, 30, 32, 35, 36, 47, 49, 53, 54

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32	33	34	35
36	37	38	39	40	41	42
43	44	45	46	47	48	49
50	51	52	53	54	55	

COCA-COLA DRAW DATE NEEDED

Canberra Soccer officials have urged the Australian Soccer Federation to announce immediately the venue for the Coca-Cola World Youth Cup draw.

They know it is Canberra and are aware that rumours have consistently said that the venue will be the new indoor sports centre.

But still no announcement.

Forecasts have set the draw date as the morning of March 31. That leaves precious little time to plan

publicity and complete arrangements for the ceremonial draw.

"After all, it is an event of world-wide significance to Soccer fans," the officials said.

"Hopefully the formal announcement will be made in the very near future."

GET YOUR POOLS IN...



With **DEBORAH**

SOME WIN MORE THAN OTHERS!

Statistics reveal that certain numbers result in scoredraws more often than others.

The 11 numbers most frequently appearing as scoredraws since the Pools first started in Australia are 6, 16, 28, 15, 39, 19, 40, 5, 18, 27 and 38.

The 11 numbers appearing least often as scoredraws are 9, 3, 21, 29, 32, 37, 48, 47, 12, 26 and 49.

These numbers were correct after matches played on January 24, 1981.

However, the difficult task is then deciding whether the popular numbers are bound to come up again or whether it's time for some of the less frequent numbers to appear.

To help you make the choice, below is a table showing how many times the Pools match numbers have been scoredraws.

The small numbers

are the match numbers while the larger numbers show the times drawn.

Good luck ... and don't forget to get your Pools in!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32	33	34	35
36	37	38	39	40	41	42
43	44	45	46	47	48	49
50	51	52	53	54	55	

BIG FOUR ARE KEPT APART

Aristocrats Real Madrid of Spain, Italy's Internazionale, Liverpool of England and West Germany's Bayern Munich were apart when the draw for the quarter-finals of the European Cup was made.

The eight survivors in Europe's most prestigious club competition came out of the hat to produce intriguing East-West clashes.

Bayern play host to Czechoslovakia's Banik Ostrava in the first leg on March 4. Liverpool entertain Bulgarian champions CSKA Sofia, Inter meet Yugoslavia's Red Star Belgrade in Milan, and Real Madrid travel to the Soviet Union to face Spartak Moscow at Tbilisi.

Bayern, winners in 1974, 1975 and 1976, look to have the easiest passage into the semi-finals.

They crushed Ajax of the Netherlands, also triple champions, in the last round and stand second in the West German Bundesliga just one point behind Hamburg.

Banik's biggest headache will be the threat posed by European "Footballer of the Year" Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

Liverpool, winners in 1977 and 1978, will be eager to avenge the indignity inflicted on English football by CSKA Sofia in the first round, when they surprisingly dethroned 1979 and 1980 champions Nottingham Forest.

Like the three other Eastern clubs, CSKA are in the middle of a winter break from domestic football, and little should be read into their 1-0 defeat by AEK in a friendly in Athens last week.

Nonetheless, the task facing the Bulgarians is awesome. This is Liver-



Laurie Cunningham of Real Madrid.

pool's 17th European campaign, and they must be favourites to amass a healthy first leg lead in front of their fans at Anfield.

Inter's two successes were in 1964 and 1965, but they entertain high hopes of the coveted trophy for the third time.

They have climbed to second place in the Italian First division, one point behind Roma, and look to be too strong for Red Star.

Inter boast four Italian internationals, goalkeeper Ivano Bordon, defenders Gabriele Oriali and Giuseppe Baresi and striker Sandro Altobelli.

They also have one of the world's outstanding midfield talents in Austrian Herbert Phohaska.

Real face the toughest first leg task in Tbilisi, where they are likely to stifle their attacking instincts in the hope of grabbing a draw. They would then pin their hopes of

gaining a quarter-final berth in the return leg in Madrid on March 18.

The Spaniards, who must make up seven points on their neighbours Atletico if they are to retain their league title, are chasing a seventh European Cup.

In Tbilisi, much will depend on their defence — and in Madrid on international strikers Santillana and England's Laurie Cunningham.

Draw for the quarter-finals of the three European club competitions:

UEFA CUP

Grasshoppers Zurich (Switzerland) vs Sochaux (France); Standard Liege (Belgium) vs Cologne (W. Germany); St. Etienne (France) vs Ipswich Town (England); AZ'67 Alkmaar (Netherlands) vs Loketren (Belgium);

CUP WINNERS CUP

West Ham (England) vs Dinamo Tbilisi (USSR); Fortuna Duesseldorf (W. Germany) vs Benfica Lisbon (Portugal); Slavia Sofia (Bulgaria) vs Feyenoord Rotterdam (Netherlands); Carl Zeiss Jena (East Germany) vs Newport County (Wales).

EUROPEAN CUP

Bayern Munich (W. Germany) vs Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia); Spartak Moscow (USSR) vs Real Madrid (Spain); Liverpool (England) vs CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria); Internazionale Milan (Italy) vs Red Star Belgrad (Yugoslavia).

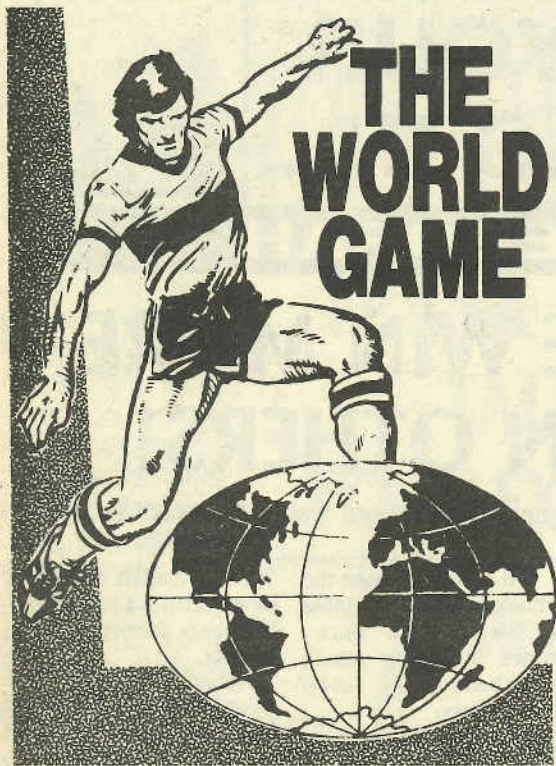
First leg matches will be played on March 4 and second legs on March 18.

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* DIVISION 1	BIRMINGHAM	BRIGHTON	1	1
	COVENTRY	WOLVES	2	1
	EVERTON	ASTON VILLA	3	X
	IPSWICH	CRYSTAL P.	4	1
	LEICESTER	MAN. UTD.	5	2
	MAN. CITY	NOTT'M FOR.	6	X
	MIDDLESBRO'	SUNDERLAND	7	1
	SOUTH'PTON	NORWICH	8	1
	STOKE	ARSENAL	9	2
	TOTTENHAM	LEEDS	10	1
* DIVISION 2	WEST BROM.	LIVERPOOL	11	X
	BOLTON	CARDIFF	12	1
	BRISTOL C.	SHEFF. WED.	13	X
	CHELSEA	CAMB'GE U.	14	1
	DERBY	GRIMSBY	15	1
	LUTON	BLACKBURN	16	1
	NEWCASTLE	Q.P.R.	17	1
	NOTTS C.	SWANSEA	18	2
	OLDHAM	BRISTOL R.	19	1
	ORIENT	WREXHAM	20	1
* DIVISION 3	PRESTON	WATFORD	21	2
	SHREWSBURY	WEST HAM	22	2
	BURNLEY	EXETER	23	1
	CHESTER	CHARLTON	24	2
	FULHAM	BRENTFORD	25	X
	GILLINGHAM	CARLISLE	26	X
	HUDDERSF'LD	BARNLEY	27	1
	HULL	BLACKPOOL	28	1
	MILLWALL	COLCHESTER	29	1
	OXFORD UTD.	NEWPORT	30	X
* DIVISION 4	PLYMOUTH	CHESTERF'LD	31	1
	PORTSMOUTH	WALSALL	32	1
	ROTHERHAM	SWINDON	33	2
	SHEFF. UTD.	READING	34	1
	ALDERSHOT	PORT VALE	35	1
	BRADFORD C.	TORQUAY	36	2
	DONCASTER	NORTH'PTON	37	2
	HARTLEPOOL	YORK	38	1
	LINCOLN	STOCKPORT	39	1
	MANSFIELD	BURY	40	2
* SCOTTISH PREMIER	ROCHDALE	PETERBORO'	41	2
	SCUNTHORPE	HALIFAX	42	1
	WIGAN A.	DARLINGTON	43	1
	WIMBLEDON	CREWE	44	1
	ABERDEEN	MORTON	45	1
	CELTIC	PARTICK	46	1
	DUNDEE UTD.	RANGERS	47	2
	KILMARNOCK	HEARTS	48	1
	ST. MIRREN	AIRDRIE	49	1
	BERWICK	MOTHERWELL	50	1
* DIVISION 1	CLYDEBANK	ST. JOHNS'NE	51	2
	DUNF'MLINE	FALKIRK	52	2
	E. STIRLING	STIRLING A.	53	1
	HAMILTON	AYR UTD.	54	X
	HIBERNIAN	DUNDEE	55	X

Australian Soccer Weekly selections for Saturday's games.

(1 is a home win, 2 an away win and X a drawn game. Matches marked with asterisks are our tips for score draws).



Compiled by our European
correspondent Jack Paul

COLOMBIA'S WORLD CUP MAY NEVER BE STAGED

Will Colombia be able to host the 1986 World Cup Finals?

That question has been asked many times in the past couple of years, but whenever doubts are raised, the Colombians angrily deny they are incapable of staging the Cup.

Things are changing. FIFA's general secretary Helmut Kaiser has made a special trip to Bogota to check up on the 1986 arrangements.

His journey was probably inspired by Colombia's own doubts about the wisdom of going ahead with planning.

Colombia's football authorities are as keen as ever to host the World Cup, but the Colombian Government is now expressing grave doubts about the financial commitment. They wonder if a small, impoverished nation can really afford the expense.

If Colombia pulls out, be sure Brazil will jump in with both feet to take over.

Brazil has had experience of staging a World Cup (1950) since when the country has profited from the lessons learned in West Germany, Argentina and other Cup-hosting nations.

Brazil is eminently suited to tackle the enormous task of staging the 1986 Cup... and it would provide FIFA president Joao Havelange with a perfect farewell present if he steps down after a Mundial in his own country.

CRUYFF GOES TO SPAIN

Speculation as to the future of Dutch superstar Johan Cruyff has been rife recently, his name being linked with several European and North American clubs including Chelsea and his former club Ajax.

However, a couple of weeks back, Spain was buzzing with the rumour that he was to return to Barcelona to play for the Catalan city's "other" club, Espanol.

Then came the news which surprised everyone — Cruyff would return to Spain, but to play for Levante, of Valencia, who are at present leading the Spanish second division.

For his services, Cruyff will receive over

\$5,000 per match — a figure which presumably scared off many better-known clubs but which is obviously considered money well spent by the Levante officials determined to win a first division place.

Interesting twist to the story is the conjecture that Levante got their money from Barcelona... to make sure Cruyff did not join Espanol!

MARADONA, RUMMENIGGE, PICK THEIR TOP FIVE

The end of the year saw football's annual "Oscars" presented throughout the world as newspapers, magazines, radio and TV all indulged in their ritualistic "Footballer of the Year" polls.

Karl-Heinz Rummenigge of West Germany and Diego Maradona of Argentina were each triumphant on their respective continents.

However, during the recently completed Mundialito in Uruguay, the Argentinian newspaper "El Grafico" decided to find out who these two players would choose as their five best footballers in the world.

Rummenigge showed no hesitation in making Maradona his number one ahead of Zico (Brazil), Kaltz (Germany), Breitner (Germany) and Pezzey (Austria).

However, Maradona's choice was quite different. He gave his first three places to Argentinians — Passarella, Gallego and Kempes



DIEGO MARADONA PICKS HIS BEST

in that order — Zico was fourth and Rummenigge only in fifth position.

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ROMA LEADS — BUT INTER'S CHALLENGE STRONG

As Roma continue to set the pace in the Italian first division.

The first round of matches following the national team's return from the Mundialito was highlighted by Roma's home match with third-placed Juventus.

With an array of stars on display such as the Brazilian Falcão, Ireland's Brady and Italian internationals Bettiga, Zoff and Causio, a football

fiesta was expected and more than 80,000 spectators turned up.

The fans were disappointed; the match finishing a dreary 0-0 draw. By being held to a similar score at home to Avellino, Inter missed their chance to join Roma at the top of the league but home wins by Torino and Napoli moved these two sides closer to the leaders.

The following weekend, Roma re-discovered how to

score goals, blitzing Pistoiese 4-0, with international Roberto Pruzzo scoring twice. This enabled Roma to maintain their one-point lead at the top and Pruzzo to remain the league's top scorer with 11 goals from 14 matches.

Inter stayed in contention with their 2-0 away victory over Perugia but Juventus, Napoli and Torino all drew, enabling Inter to go two points clear of their closest rivals.

EUROPEAN SOCCER... RESULTS...

N. IRELAND

Cup First Round:	
Ards — Ballyclare	3-0
Bangor — Newry	1-2
Carrick — Larne	1-1
C'ville — Chimney	0-0
Coleraine — Ballymena	1-2
Crusaders — Glentoran	1-3
Glenavon — Distillery	3-2
Portadown — Linfield	0-0

WEST GERMANY

Cup Fourth Round:	
Osnabruck — Stuttgart	1-3
M'gladbach — Delmenhorst	6-1
Hamburg — Bochum	4-1
Oldenburg — Ein Frank	4-5
Duesseldorf — Bremen	2-0
Cologne — Bielefeld	1-0
(1FC Kaiserslautern v Alemannia Aachen, Eintracht Braunschweig v SC Freiburg, Hertha Berlin v Bayer Uerdingen — postponed because of ice and snow).	

SPAIN

Betis — Sociedad	1-0
Hercules — Las Pamas	2-3
Barcelona — Osasuna	6-0
Salamanca — Balencia	0-1
Zaragoza — Sporting	0-0
Real Madrid — Espanol	1-2
Valladolid — Real Murcia	1-0
Almeria — Sevilla	1-0

Bilbao — Atl Madrid

3-1	W D L F A P
Atlet Madrid	13 6 3 38 23 32
Valencia	12 5 5 41 27 29
Barcelona	13 2 7 44 28 28
Sociedad	11 4 7 32 21 26
Real Madrid	10 5 7 39 23 25
Real Betis	10 4 8 35 26 24

ITALY

Bologna — Como	1-1
Brescia — Ascoli	0-1
Cagliari — Pistoiese	2-0
Florentina — Juventus	0-1
Inter — Catanzaro	2-2
Napoli — Udinese	1-0
Roma — Avellino	1-1
Torino — Perugia	2-0

W D L F A P

Roma	7 6 2 23 13 20
Inter	7 5 3 23 11 19
Juventus	5 8 2 18 9 18
Napoli	6 6 3 17 13 18
Torino	6 5 4 19 13 17

BELGIUM

Winterslag — Beringen	2-1
Molenbeek — Beerschot	1-1
Kortrijk — Antwerp	0-0
Ghent — Waregem	1-1
Liege — Anderlecht	0-1
Bevergen — Waterschei	2-0
Berchem — FC Bruges	1-1

CS Bruges — Lokeren

1-1	Lierse — FC Liege
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Anderlecht top of the league with 34 points, ahead of Beveren on 30, Standard Liege 27, Lokeren 24 and RWD Molenbeek on 23. All have played 20 games.

GREECE

Apollon — Yannian	0-1
P'raikos — Atromitos	3-0
Doxa — P'naikos	1-0
Kastoria — Olympiakos	0-0
Aris — Panionios	3-2
AEK — Paok	4-0
Ethnikos — Korinthos	2-0
Larisa — Kavala	0-3
Ofi — P'chaiki	2-1

W D L F A P

O'piakos	13 3 3 27 10 29
Aris	12 4 3 35 15 28
AEK	10 6 3 33 17 26
Paok	8 7 4 28 18 23
Doxa	7 7 5 27 23 21
Ethnikos	6 9 4 21 17 21
P'raikos	7 7 5 27 22 21

HOLLAND

Groningen — Excelsior	2-2
Den Haag — PSV	1-4
AZ Alkmaar — NAC Breda	6-1
PEC Zwolle — Waageningen	1-0

SHORT PASSES

Waldemar Victorino of Uruguay is being sought by several European and South American clubs. Cobreloa of Chile, in particular, have shown the most interest.

The German Federation (DFB) has decided that should West Germany win the 1982 World Cup in Spain, each of the 22 players in the squad will receive a bonus of \$40,000.

Before the Mundialito, New York Cosmos offered \$700,000 for Ruben Paz. Now, Nacional are demanding three times this figure. AC Milan are reportedly ready to pay.

Hamburg will play a friendly match in Rabat on March 3 against the Moroccan Air Force team.

The King of Morocco personally took part in arranging the game for which Hamburg will receive \$50,000.

Jan Ceulemans of FC Bruges is Belgium's player of the year for 1980. He finished ahead of Van Moer, Vandenbergh, Gerets and Preud'homme.

Diego Maradona has been named South American "Footballer of the Year". The Argentinian superstar was a clear winner from Zico of Brazil with Fillol, the River Plate goalkeeper, third.

Gianni Rivera has scoffed at suggestions that AC Milan is in financial trouble following relegation to the Italian second division.

"Our fans have remained faithful, thank God, and crowds are averaging 30,000-35,000 per match," said Rivera.

COCA-COLA CUP

The International Football Federation (FIFA) said nine countries had so far qualified for the finals of the World Youth championship in Australia in October.

In Europe, England, Poland, Italy, Holland, Spain and Romania have places in the last 16 for the Coca-Cola Cup.

From Central and North America, Mexico and the U.S. qualify. Australia will take part as hosts.

In Africa, Egypt play Algeria and Nigeria play Cameroun to decide on two qualifiers.

Japan, South Korea, Qatar, Bangladesh and Thailand will compete for two Asian places at the end of next month.



SUPER SHARNE OUTSHINES DISASTER GAME

By Brad Earl

The Charity Shield was a disaster. That is the only word which can accurately describe Friday night's game between the two "top" clubs of Australia, Marconi and Sydney Slickers, in terms of the size of the crowd, the players' attitude and the game itself.



Tony Henderson of Marconi in action against Ken Boden of Sydney Slickers

The only player on the field anywhere near peak fitness, and the only one who provided enthusiasm and entertainment, was Peter Sharne.

Anyone who doubted this player's true genius would have eaten his words on Friday night; he was the one player to whom Marconi owe their 3-1 victory.

"The Fairfield Flyer" had the burden of being Marconi's lone attacker capable of penetrating the Slickers. Eddie Krncevic, who had looked promising in some moves with Sharne, went off in the second half, and Berti Mariani was out of touch for the full 120 minutes of the game.

Sharne seemed to relish that challenge, and it is ironic that he became completely dominant after Krncevic went off.

Twice in close succession in the second half, Sharne hit tricky shots which produced excellent saves from goalkeeper Pezzano, who was one of the very few players who can be proud of his performance.

On several occasions in the spiteful game, the Slickers defence had to resort to fouls to try and stop Sharne, but he just picked himself up and kept going.

As the 90 minutes were drawing to a close, however, it looked as if his efforts were all in vain, and the Slickers would win from Kosmina's 76th minute goal.

But while other players were moving towards the tunnel entrance to go off, in the last minute of normal time, Sharne tried another move down the wing.

His cross was met by a flying header from Jimmy Cant, in his first game for the Slickers against his old club.

Marconi had gained an extra 30 minutes, and it was Sharne who almost single-handedly swung the match into their favour.

He was rewarded by scoring the two goals which sealed the game, as well as setting off on more of his devastating and attractive runs.

Sharne was the symbol of fitness, enthusiasm and determination on the field.

Perhaps some of his fellow Socceroos, as well as the lesser lights, should have followed his example.

Many players indulged in nasty incidents which turned the game into a very spiteful affair, particularly in the first half. The whole thing finally reached a climax in extra-time, when Borges smashed Ken Lindsay's leg. He got a red card for his efforts.

Three others copped yellow cards, Jim Muir for a few dangerous tackles, and Byrne and Sou-

ness for a scuffle which also involved Barnes and Boden. Several other players can count themselves lucky for missing a booking.

We even had the farcical and stupid situation where players were still lying on the ground kicking each other long after the ball had gone!

The key to the trouble was the fact that several players were nowhere near start-of-the-season fitness (the PSL starts in two weeks!) and many didn't care less about the game, and didn't even attempt to feign enthusiasm.

For many of the Socceroos, excluding Sharne and a few others, the return to club football was obviously one big pain in the neck.

On the form shown in the match, the only players who looked like they will be worth their salt this season were Allan Maher, Tony Pezzano, Ivo Prskalo, Denis Colusso and Willie Murray, who is a similar player to Sharne, but needs to be more dangerous in the shooting department.

However, if Sydney's top two clubs start the season in this style of lethargy, the door will be open for other teams to take up the slack.

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The Charity Shield was also a disaster in the crowd area, with only 1,000 people, all diehard Soccer supporters, turning out.

The ASF Marketing group put together an attractive novelty program to accompany the main match to try and attract people who don't usually attend Soccer games.

Rik Booth, of the Marketing group, was disappointed, but said: "It's a start. We'll try and make it bigger each year."

"We had to have it this early, to fit in with the start of the Philips League, and also to get some media space before Rugby League gets going."

Maybe someone should have told the players it was a Soccer game.

People don't pay money to see the type of stuff that was dished up to them. However, Super Sharne gave them something more to remember than fights and miskicks.

MATCH DETAILS:

MARCONI — scorers: Cant o.g. 90 min, Sharne 2, 99 and 106 min.

Team — Maher, Brogan, Prskalo, Muir, Tomasic, Henderson, Byrne, Raskopoulos (Lindsay 98 — taken off injured 107), Sharne, Mariani, Krncevic (Colusso 72).

SYDNEY SLICKERS — scorer: Kosmina 76 min. Team — Pezzano, Souness, Cant, Spanos, Bruce, Barnes, Boden, Silva (Borges 78 — sent off 107), Watson (Trenter 87), Kosmina, Murray. Referee: H. Witschge.

PHILIPS CUP

GIANTS TOO STRONG

By Tom McKain

Croatia face their moment of truth on Sunday at Hindmarsh Stadium when they take on Adelaide City Giants in the first round of the Philips Cup.

Having beaten West Adelaide Hawks 1-0 with 10 men in the Ampol Cup, and sinking Giants 1-0 in a pre-season trial, the 1980 State league champions are bursting with confidence.

But they may find the Giants in an official competitive match much tougher, and at full strength.

Indeed, after that trial loss to Croatia, Giants beat Hawks then sunk Cumberland 3-2 in the Ampol Cup before going on to beat South Melbourne 2-1 in a trial.

Giants have a lethal attacking line-up, with big Socceroo Youth striker David Mitchell in devastat-

ing form, being pushed from behind by Glenn Dods, and Gary Marocchi, with Agenor Muniz supporting as playmaker and striker.

Johnny Nyskohus is also running into form as a midfielder or striker, and new forwards Peter Rankin and Greg Buch, although teenagers like Mitchell, showed no respect for reputations.

And coach Bob D'Ottavi expects to have star midfielder Sergio Melita back from Italy for the Croatia game, and Johny Perin and Dods, who missed the South match, fit after injury. Croatia coach Peter Jak-

sa will again be counting on target man Robert Marwe and Steve Caggiano to crash through the opposition defenders, and be looking to Vic Smythe and Terry Hayes to provide the ball skills along with Zelko Lesan.

If they can produce the form which upset Hawks, it will be another close match — but on paper, and current form, Giants will charge into the next round.

Hawks and Para Hills will meet in the other SA Philips Cup on Wednesday night, March 11.

Cumberland, the other Adelaide team in the competition, has a bye in the first round.

EASY TASK FOR BRISBANE CITY

By Wally Bruce

Brisbane City could be without both of their imported central strikers in the first round Philips Cup match against Mt. Gravatt at Perry Park on Sunday.

Scottish centre-forward John McVeigh missed last Sunday's pre-season tournament final against Grange Thistle because of a leg injury.

And during the match, City also lost former Blacktown City leading scorer Paul Wilkinson, when he limped off with an ankle injury in the first half.

Before he went off, however, Wilkinson had scored a brilliant goal in the 20th minute to clinch the game for City against the 1980 State League grand final champions.

If both players are unfit, the City forward line against Mt. Gravatt probably will comprise wingers Kevin Low and Joe Palinkas and Kevin Caldwell, who was Wilkinson's replacement last Sunday.

City may well approach this match against the 1980 Queensland State League premiers with more than a little trepidation.

It was, after all, Mt. Gravatt which eliminated City in this corresponding match last season, which led to the club's sacking of coach Nereo Saftich.

But Mt. Gravatt do not look to be anywhere near as strong this time, as they have lost last year's outstanding centre back combination of Dave Costa and Eric Thompson.



JOE PALINKAS

And in the recently completed pre-season tournament, Mt. Gravatt fared very badly to take only one point from a possible 10.

Mt. Gravatt's key player again will be midfielder Phil Thompson, who City are in the process of attempting to sign.

However it would be most unlikely that they would be successful in securing Thompson in time for a match against his current club.

Former Eire international Jimmy Dunne has slotted

perfectly into the City backline and already is building up a great understanding with consistent stopper David Ratcliffe.

This match at least now looks likely to be the day's major attraction, as the ASF reportedly has deferred the Brisbane Lions-Townsville United Cup match, which it originally had scheduled for the same day, so overall, it looks like a saloon passage for City into the next round of the Cup, the trophy they won in 1977 and '78.

THE 16 PSL TEAMS UNDER

PRESTON RAMS

By Greg Blake

Preston are the unknown quantities in this year's League, and as such should provide several surprises to any club prepared to underestimate them.

No players from other PSL clubs have been signed, and the side will basically be the same one which took out the Victorian State League title with such ease in 1980.

Players of the calibre of Ward, Cullen and McMillan have been languishing in the State League for far too long, and should relish the chance to show off their wares at the national level.

And the side, coached by Brian Edgley, have the distinct advantage of having a player like Peter Ollerton to guide them in their on-the-field manoeuvres.

Ollerton, the former Australian player, should play a key role in settling the side, as well as contributing his well-known talents in either defence, midfield or up-front.

The club has signed an English player on a two-year contract, 22 year old Doug Brown, who is an attacking midfielder.

Brown played in Scotland with Clydebank and Aberdeen before moving south to Sheffield United in the English third division.

Some players have also been training with the squad who may sign for the club, including Jim O'Reilly of Footscray.

The club is certainly ambitious, and the progressiveness of the side is shown by the development of the complex at Conner Reserve to first-class standard.

Although it is hard to see them vying for the championship, a respectable mid-table position does not seem beyond the "Rams" in their first PSL season.



PETER OLLERTON

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

By Greg Blake

Footscray may be in big trouble, if the rumours which have been passing around about them are true.

They are supposed to have only a skeleton squad at training, and several players are unsettled, with some already having left and others after moves.

Jim Kriaris has gone to Northcote as coach, Vladko Lujic has yet to return from Yugoslavia, Jim O'Reilly has been trialling with Preston and wants to get away from Footscray, Mirko Rujic might go to Northcote, and reserve goalkeeper Steve Potter is after a transfer.

Footscray have had basically the same side for the last two years and have performed poorly in every season of the PSL since its formation.

The side has always languished near the bottom of the table, and may sink completely this season unless major signings are made before the start of the season.

But there's a snag to buying players: finances are reported to be "not good" at the club.

So far, only one player is transferring to Footscray, that being talented young full-back from Frankston, Shaun Parton.

Also on the credit side, the Eagles have renewed their acquaintance with their old ground, Schintler Reserve, and have set about long overdue improvements to spectator facilities.

But with a depleted squad, their whole PSL existence is tenuous, and only a concerted effort from the new coach, Cedo Cirkovic, new president, John Ivanovic, and the new administration will save Footscray.

1981 will certainly be a telling year for the club.



Cedo Cirkovic (coach)

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

By Greg Blake

Heidelberg will have virtually the same side as last year turning out for them in 1981, and on that score alone they must have excellent prospects for the season.

Last year's coach, Len McKendry, who took them to that great 4-0 Grand Final victory over Sydney City, has left, but his place has been filled by the equally-capable Manny Poulakakis, now in his fourth coaching stint with the club.

Poulakakis left just on a year ago to coach Juventus in the Victorian State League. It is from that club that he has made the only signing so far.

Jack Reilly, the former Australian World Cup goalie, is now with Heidelberg as back-up for young Jeff Oliver.

A new streamlined administration, which has been built during the summer months with Arthur Loustas as president, is geared to greater success for the club.

No players have left the side, although John Yzendoorn is likely to go back to England in July to begin pre-season training with Ipswich Town.

There have been suggestions that Northern Ireland captain and Nottingham Forest star Martin O'Neill may guest with the club during the English close-season.

That would be a major addition to the side, which already boasts seven internationals. Once again the Heidelberg Warriors look like being a major force in Australian club Soccer.



JACK REILLY

BRISBANE LIONS

By Wally Bruce

Steve Hogg, who was one of Australia's better players on the much-publicised tour of Europe and Asia, could be in for a big year with Brisbane Lions.

Though still very young, Hogg matured on that tour and will surely feel the benefit of his international experience in his PSL performances.

If Hogg enjoys a good season, nobody will be more pleased than national coach Rudi Gutendorf who is always happy when Australian youngsters make progress.

Hogg apart, it seems obvious that Lions will again be well served by those two outstanding central defenders, Jim Hermiston and Col Bennett.

Hermiston, voted "PSL Player of the Year" by the Australian Soccer Press Association, seems to improve with age.

Bennett, too, is overdue for a recall to the Soccerroo squad as a reward for consistent club form.

With the sacking of coaches normal procedure in the PSL, it is good to see Matt Carson retaining his position as mentor of Lions. Carson is a much-respected coach, not only in Queensland but throughout Soccer in Australia.

Brisbane Lions have a good opportunity to start the PSL season on a winning note because their first round opponents, Blacktown Demons, are in the middle of team building and have lost many players from their 1980 squad.

Lions are confident of a successful campaign — as they have every right to be.



COL BENNETT

BLACKTOWN DEMONS

By John Field

There has been a huge clear-out of players during the close season at Blacktown, where new coach Rale Rasic quickly enforced his ideas on rigid discipline plus a punishing training routine.

Players who have left are George Harris, Warren Turnbull, Bruce Stowell, Jim Izatt, Alan Fisher, Gavin Landon, Phil Dolton, Ian Hunter and Paul Wilkinson.

That's nine departures — all first grade squad men.

Only four recruits have been brought in to replace them.

These are Mike Milovanovic from Canberra City, Jovan Djordjevic from Yugoslavia, Robert Wheatley from Kuringai and Craig Wallace, who has just complete two months training with Manchester City following experience with Brisbane City and in North America.

Rale Rasic expects to sign another two players but insists Blacktown will not be held to ransom with transfer fees.

Rasic says: "When you try to buy, you are often asked to pay huge fees for 'Mr Ordinary' players."

"If clubs continue to talk in telephone numbers when they want to sell, they'll kill the Philips League. It won't last longer than another three years unless we bring sanity to the transfer market."

Rasic hoped to get Peter Stone from St George but the quoted fee halted the deal.

St George paid Leichhardt \$12,000 for Stone and that's the figure Blacktown were ready to pay last week.

Saints, however, asked \$20,000.

SUMMING UP: Don't expect a super season from the Demons. Rasic's outstanding coaching skills should keep Blacktown clear of relegation but the game's trophies seem beyond this team's capabilities.



RALE RASIC

BRISBANE GLADIATORS

By Wally Bruce

Brisbane City are confident they will not endure the horrors of a relegation threat again this year.

The move to their own home ground has lifted spirits in the club and the 1980 battle against relegation in the PSL has already been pushed into the background.

At home, City should be able to match virtually any opposition but, when they travel, they too often surrender points, even to inferior teams.

Despite one or two defections, Brisbane City look stronger this season.

A big gain is Republic of Ireland international Jimmy Dunne from Green Gully, fresh from a super debut season in the Victorian State League.

Much is also expected from Paul Wilkinson, who, to the annoyance of Rale Rasic, was picked up quite cheaply from Blacktown Demons.

George Potter will be missed in defence, hav-



Paul Wilkinson



George Potter

ing decided to concentrate full-time on coaching, but he will probably be a better coach now he is relieved of playing chores.

ASW predicts a good 1981 for Brisbane City. They may not win the championship, but they will certainly be a handful for most opposing sides.

ADELAIDE HAWKS

By Alan Richardson

Billy Birch of West Adelaide Hawks faces one of the toughest coaching assignments in the Philips League this year.

Let's be honest. The team last year was a disaster. Despite the influx of new so-called stars, results were terrible and nobody was really surprised when the club had to apply for re-election.

The mystery is... why did 1980 coach Gerry Chaldi fail? Chaldi had excellent credentials when appointed, indeed he had experienced outstanding successes, year after year, with the great Sydney City.

Chaldi could not repeat that success with West Adelaide and suffered the consequences.

Now Birch is back, having won the coaching position after guiding Croatia to glory in the State League.

There will be an old familiar look about Hawks midfield where Neil McGachey and Peter Boyle team up once again. Their absence last year made a big hole in West's side.

Perhaps the greatest responsibility, however, rests on the shoulders of Portugal's Manecas, who cost the club plenty when he joined them.

Manecas is a player of undoubted skill yet he turned in too many ordinary performances for a man rated so highly by many good judges.

Will 1981 be the year of Manecas? The answer to that question could also indicate if it will be the year of the Hawks.

A.S.W. cannot predict honours for West Adelaide Hawks, a team whose main target must be to keep away from the dreaded relegation zone.



MANECAS

ADELAIDE GIANTS

By John Field

Although they were among the better sides in the 1980 Philips League competition, Adelaide City will want to forget last year as quickly as possible.

Financial problems, almost ending in disaster, plagued the club and it was touch-and-go at one time if this great S.A. club would survive.

Fortunately, good friends came to the rescue to stave off the crisis but the Giants will need many more friends — in the shape of match spectators — to help their rehabilitation.

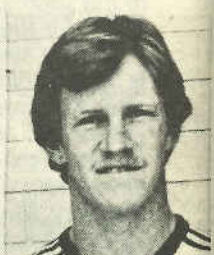
Coach Rale Rasic has gone, replaced by Bob D'Ottavi. It will not be easy following such a well-respected coach but pre-season performances suggest the Giants will, as usual, be formidable opponents for any PSL side.

It is no secret that S.A. Soccer folk were angry when the State was completely ignored by national coach Rudi Gutendorf for his Soccerroo tour squad.

Several Giants stars could force their way into contention for the Australian squad in this World Cup elimination year.

These include Agenor Muniz, Charlie Villani, David Jones, John Nyskohus and Bobby Russell. With this sort of talent, it is inconceivable that Adelaide City Giants will not be among the 1981 PSL pace-setters.

Man for man, Adelaide Giants are the equal of any team. We must hope the fans appreciate this and return to give the players the encouragement they need.



Bobby Russell



Johnny Nyskohus

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STH. MELB. GUNNERS

By Greg Blake

If Heidelberg are going to do well, then the South Melbourne Gunners have the capacity to go one better, and be Victoria's, possibly Australia's, top club in 1981.

They have the same squad and the same coach as last year, when they finished third in the Championship, and on that criteria alone they would be expected to do well.

But now they have the distinct advantage of having extra players, and very good ones at that.

The players signed in the close-season, John Stevenson from Sydney Slickers, and the new Scottish players, midfielder Jim Shirra (the subject of the transfer fee hassle between Souths and his former club Dundee) and striker Robert Steward, should add the final touches of class to the side.

And one piece of news which will delight devotees of attractive Soccer is the return of George Campbell, after being under an injury cloud which threatened to end his career.

If anything, the squad is too large with about 20 first class players, and may have to be trimmed down by coach John Margaritis, and if this happens players like Kris Kalafatis could be transfer-listed.

The over-abundance of good players is obviously a good position to be in, and such is the adaptability of several of the players that there are quite a few different combinations which Margaritis could field with success. The area with the greatest number of players available is the midfield. At this stage it looks as if only John Stevenson and Billy Rogers will be assured of a midfield spot, with six other players vying for the other position.



ALUN EVANS

LEICHHARDT STRIKERS

By Brad Earl

There has been a mini-cleanout at Leichhardt in the summer, with several promising youngsters, as well as some proven players, leaving and similar ones brought in.

Mark Samuels has gone to Avala, Bobby McGinn is now at North Sydney, Jim Dempsey has returned to his native Scotland, and Robbie Drews is transfer-listed.

On the credit side, Leichhardt have secured the Brisbane Lions midfielder/striker Alan Hughes, last year's NSW Player of the Year, Frank Leyden, and promising youngster Jim Bottalico, both from North Sydney, and Bobby Parkes, a South Australian State League goalkeeper who will provide good back-up for the Number One, Greg Woodhouse.

Coach Willie Wallace is also hopeful that a number of the club's youngsters will come through and be up to PSL standard this year.

If the Leichhardt players settle down well, particularly the younger players, then the side may be able to hold down a mid-table position.

But if they don't settle down quickly, they may struggle again around the relegation zone.

Despite the loss of stopper Dempsey, they have a ready-made replacement to partner ex-Australian captain Peter Wilson in Mark Pullen, who impressed many people in the central defence position for NSW against Dinamo Zagreb. He should also benefit from the experience of playing in conjunction with Wilson.

The midfield is possibly the weakest part of the side: John Coyne is a very wayward player, Dave Harding is past the form which gave him Australian appearances, and Leyden, despite his State League record, will need time to settle into regular top-level Soccer.

The forward line has the potential to be effective, especially with the addition of Hughes, and if more service is provided from midfield and from Phil O'Connor's wing, Bill Pirie might reach top form, which he has yet to do in Australia.

Tony Morsello, who looked promising last year on loan from Inter Monaro, is presently in the middle of a transfer wrangle, and may be lost to the club.

That would be a shame, particularly if the club goes overseas and buys another "import".



JOHN COYNE

SYDNEY SLICKERS

By Keith Gilmour

John Kosmina for \$28,000 from West Adelaide, and Willie Murray from Hibs are Sydney City's two big signings for 1981.

Provided that the Slickers can adequately replace right-back Kevin Mullen whilst he is standing down due to a severe stomach injury, there is no reason why they should not be knocking at the door once again after winning the premiership in 1980.

It seems as if utility man Ian Souness will fill the vacancy, but Young Socceroo Brett Woods will come under consideration also.

It will be up to coach Eddie Thomson to bring the latent talent out of Kosmina, who has transferred for some \$100,000 in various moves.

He has made 22 Socceroo appearances, and was good enough to rate a few first team games with Arsenal.

His two goals against Dinamo Zagreb show that the ability is there.

Murray had ten years with Hibernian as a first team regular, and is a skilful and fast winger with a preference for laying on the ball to his fellow forwards.

Jimmy Cant, who arrived via Canberra City and Marconi, will fit in as sweeper, which could be his for the season. Cant had four years at Hearts with Thomson, so his ability is well known indeed.

The Slickers have at last settled into a football club format, with plenty of the best talent forcing its way from the Youth League and Under 19s through to the top.

Marcos Silva and Mozart Forseca have been loaned out to Croatia for the season.

The big loss is the steady midfielder John Stevenson, who has landed at South Melbourne for a reported \$15,000 fee.

The possibility is that Socceroo squad member John Spanos will undertake his role, which will leave new captain Murray Barnes and Spanos as the hard core of the midfield and Kenny Boden as attacking midfielder backing up the forwards.

Within the club the Slickers have former giant Leo Baumgartner looking after the rising players, Livewire secretary David Childs is working on a program for greatly increased sponsorship and business support, which would help finances and possibly limit the burden on the Hakoah Club.



JOHN KOSMINA

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

By Mike Mystakidis

Sydney Olympic, after serving one full year of "punishment" in NSW State competition, come back to the Philips League, where they deserve to be.

The Olympians are full of confidence and strongly believe their return will be successful. Their first move to appoint Tommy Doherty as full-time manager-coach was the right step, at the right time.

"Doc", a coach with many Soccer degrees, is a master. And of course he will transform the old bad habits with new constructive ones. Thousands of Olympians are living at this moment with a lot of hopes, that "professor" Doherty will give a face-lift to their club.

Basically the team will be the same as last year, with some alternatives in the defence gear box.

No players have left the club. On the contrary, new young blood flows in the team's arteries. Newcomers are defender Danny Moulis from Canberra City and midfielder Peter Katholos from St George. On their way to support the Olympians are: central striker Tommy Gavin (21), from Bradford, midfielder David Cork (22), from Doncaster (last year he played in Switzerland), and finally the well known Alex Jamieson.

The squad from which the Big "Doc" will produce the "11" are:

Gary Meier, Peter Wilson (goalkeepers), Billy Palmer, Ken Wilson, Ian Rowden, Greg Ankudinoff (defenders), Jimmy Zitas, Housein Houseini, Peter Katholos, Mike Cross (midfielders), Derek Laing, Andy Scott, Clive Gorton, Mack Koussas, Graham Jennings (strikers).

Richie Bell and Tony Loxley are on transfer.



PETER KATHOLOS

WOLLONGONG WOLVES

By "Mercury" Murphy

Centre-back Chris Dunleavy and full-back Peter Willis look set to make a big impact on the Philips Soccer League as members of the newly formed Wollongong City team.

After losing 2-0 to Newcastle KB United and playing a scoreless draw with Canberra City, Wollongong are starting to get it all together.

Coach Ken Morton faces a tough task bringing in a squad of strangers and trying to mould them into a team capable of finishing away from the bottom of the table.

"The basis of the team is there and we still have Geoff Ainsworth to come out from England."

Ainsworth is expected to be a key man for Wollongong, having played in the Liverpool reserves for three seasons.

Morton is tipping Ainsworth to become a top PSL player once he settles down and this is good news for City fans.

They already have seen Dunleavy and Willis in action against good company and it is obvious these two players form the backbone of the defence.

Dunleavy was with Everton and Halifax in England and also had a spell in America.

Morton wasted no time appointing the big defender captain and he is doing a fine job.

Willis comes to Wollongong with coach Morton from Rapid in Tasmania, where he was second highest goalscorer despite playing full-back.

Willis was an apprentice with Leeds United and later played with Newcastle KB before switching to Tasmania.

His tackling ability and speed when overlapping up the wing could become a feature of City's play.

Late arrivals from England John Lathan (Mansfield) and John Fleming (Lincoln City) are yet to find their feet but Morton rates both players highly.

Former Kiwi internationals Clive Campbell and Bill De Graff are showing their ability in trials.

Campbell is a tricky winger who has a high work-rate while De Graff is built to disrupt a few PSL defences this season.

His height gives him a great advantage in the air and Morton is keen to see he gets plenty of service from the wings.

One player capable of providing this is former Newcastle and Australian youth international Peter Tredinnick.

Tredinnick already has proved himself a talented winger, able to cross the ball well from awkward situations.

In goal, City have another Newcastle exile in Jim Preston, who came from Queens Park in Scotland.



PETER TREDINNICK

CANBERRA ARROWS

By Steve Burns

Canberra Arrows must have a better than even chance of a top half, or at worst a half way spot, in the 1981 season.

And that would be its best ever achievement since the PSL's inauguration four years ago.

While in the close season the Arrows pared costs to the bone, they made a fine acquisition in new coach George Murray.

Murray has top credentials from UK and European soccer. He is a tough, no-nonsense professional.

Canberra did not sign one PSL player of note in the close season.

It is, however, chasing the services of ex-Dutch first division player John Massa, 25, an attacking midfielder.

Against this, the Arrows lost long-serving youngsters Mike Milovanovic to Blacktown Demons and Danny Moulis to Sydney Olympians.

But the Arrows had a big squad and it is still strong — two goalkeepers, Hoszowski and Wilson, a strong backline of Robert and Michael O'Shea, Roy Stark and Harry Williams.

The midfield includes Duncan Cole, Terry Byrne and Isaac Farrell and the attack Giampalo, Valeri, Brennan and MacLaren.

Certainly Murray's professionalism and toughness has produced Canberra's fittest team.

The squad may not be a world-beater, but could still finish in its best ever spot.

No one could ask for more.



WALTER VALERI

NEWCASTLE K.B.

By Ian Smith

A player "faster than Shame," a team "fitter than it has ever been at this time of the season" and a squad rated as the "best we've ever had." These claims by Newcastle KB United coach Alan Vest add up to a concerted thrust for honours in the coming season.

Thwarted by an excess of injuries in 1979 and 1980 after their initial season in 1978, they finished fifth, so near yet so far.

The loss of Peter Tredinnick and Jim Preston to Wollongong has been offset by Vest's traditional overseas off-season recruitment program which this time yielded four players who seem sure to make their mark on the PSL.

Bob Mountford from Stockport County has already seen PSL football with KB as a striker when guesting was still in vogue. His contribution then was lacking in cohesion with the rest of the players but Vest feels the extra time will iron this out.

New Zealand captain Steve Sumner from Christchurch is expected to make a more wholesome midfield and should have no trouble reaching an understanding with ex-team-mate Roy Drinkwater.

Another New Zealand international is Clint Gosling from Mt Wellington. At 21, this goalkeeper could prove a very astute buy in the long term.

No doubt the wits on the grassy hill at the International Sports Centre will make something of Ian Buckley's name should he fail to produce the goods but his potential is exciting. Anyone even fast enough to be compared to Shame is worth watching, but is he really faster? It is a question that the footballing spectators will undoubtedly argue over all year but he should certainly balance out the right-wing pace of Graham Heys and pose a twin pace threat to any opposing defenders.

Initial pre-season successes, while no firm guide, indicate that the players are 100% determined to reach the top and have the form to back it up.

From every angle this shapes up as an experienced side with a touch of youthful exuberance here and there that should make the top three at the very least.



ROY DRINKWATER

MARCONI

By Alex Vesic

The history of the Marconi club will show the last week of January 1981 as one of its most significant.

Datsun, one of the most prominent of car manufacturers, came to Fairfield with \$250,000, giving Marconi the best sponsorship achieved by a club side in Australia. Only a few days later Marconi repaid their sponsors with a first-up win, beating Sydney City rivals in the Charity Shield.

Will Marconi challenge for the title this year? Well, if the start of this season is an indication they should get to the top.

Alan Maher was in superb form last season and also on the Socceroos tour of Europe. His display against the Slickers on Friday night leaves no doubt as to who is the best man between the sticks in Australia.

The list of Socceroos includes — Prskalo, Jankovic, Sharne, Krncevic, Muir, Byrne and Degney, plus Raskopoulos and Hunter, members of the Australian Youth team.

It looks like a list of "who's who" in the Socceroo squad, not just a Philips League outfit. Marconi has the talent to do it and has the support when it's needed.

In Raul Blanco they have an astute coach. And for those who are keen to knock this man, and ask about Blanco's success rate, look at last Friday's game.

Apart from Peter Sharne, the best player on the park in extra time was, without a shadow of a doubt, young Denis Colusso.

And it was Blanco who decided to rest his young Socceroo, Krncevic pitting inexperienced Colusso against the Slickers.

With top administration led by Tony Labbozetta and Michael Urukalo, and those great supporters, Marconi must be front-runners in this year's race for the title.



Paul Degney

YOUTH STRIKERS NEEDED

The Young Australia team proved at the Israel Winter Tournament that their defence is sound, but reinforcements are required up front.

South Australian David Mitchell has the ability, and he will be joined again by forceful Ian Hunter when his broken leg is fully repaired.

So the search is on for three high class forwards as back up for Mitchell and Hunter, and without them the Australian side will be scratching in the World Youth Championship in October.

Another must is a defender to step in for great Victorian youngster Steve Blair if the occasion arises.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf said: "The defence with Robert Wheatley, Steve Blair, David Skeen at libero and Brett Woods is very

sound but forwards are needed to finish off scoring chances."

Amongst the other distinct tour successes was another gifted Victorian, Oscar Crino.

The standard of football showed that tournaments such as the previous Oceania competition in Fiji are meaningless for preparation.

Young Australia won two, drew one and lost four games on tour. It is not a great record, but the experience gained will be invaluable.

Romania's preparations are such that they played one team in Israel, and another competes as a squad in their country's Second Division.



PAUL KAY

The full scores and line-ups on tour were:

December 28 v Greece, 0-1.

Glen Ahearn, Vlatko Belic, Steven Blair, Oscar Crino, Calvin Daunt, Paul Kay, John Little, David Mitchell, Jim Patikas, Anthony Radford, Peter Raskopoulos, Robert Wheatley, Brett Woods. (Mitchell for Daunt 47 min., Radford for Little 56 min.)

December 29 v Sweden, 0-0.

Glen Ahearn, Oscar Crino, Steven Blair, Calvin Daunt, Paul Kay, John Little, David Mitchell, Jim Patikas, Anthony Radford, Peter Raskopoulos, David Watt, Robert Wheatley, Brett Woods. (Daunt for Patikas 60 min., Radford for Watt 40 min.)

December 30 v Romania, 2-3.

Glen Ahearn, Steven Blair, Oscar Crino, Paul Kay, John Little, David Mitchell, Jim Patikas, Anthony Radford, Peter Raskopoulos, Robert Wheatley, Brett Woods.

December 31 v Israel, 1-2.

Steven Blair, Oscar Crino, Calvin Daunt, Dennis Ivanac, Paul Kay, Grant Lee, John Little, Jim Patikas, Anthony Radford, Peter Raskopoulos, David Skeen, David Watt, Robert Wheatley, Brett Woods. (Crino for Woods 25 min., Patikas for Daunt 40 min., Radford for Raskopoulos 60 min.)

January 5 v Hapoel, 2-1.

Glen Ahearn, Vlatko Belic, Steven Blair, Calvin Daunt, Gerardo Gomez, Dennis Ivanac, Paul Kay, Grant Lee, John Little, David Mitchell, Jim Patikas, Anthony Radford, Peter Raskopoulos, David Skeen, David Watt, Robert Wheatley, Brett Woods.

January 7 v Israel, 1-2.

Glen Ahearn, Steven Blair, Paul Kay, Grant Lee, John Little, David Mitchell, Jim Patikas, Peter Raskopoulos, David Skeen, Robert Wheatley, Brett Woods.

January 10 v Haifa, 2-0.

Glen Ahearn, Gerardo Gomez, Paul Kay, Grant Lee, John Little, David Mitchell, Jim Patikas, Anthony Radford, David Skeen, Robert Wheatley, Brett Woods.

KEITH GILMOUR ON

JUNIOR SOCCER



RECORD OF 113 TEAMS COMPETED IN TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL

At the end of last season Toowoomba saw a record 113 games played in the city.

The occasion was the carnival for U7 to U12 grades and the finals for U13/15 grades, which included the visit of many teams from Roma.

Typical of the spirit which will surely produce many fine players to go on to senior football in future years is the tripping around and entertaining of visiting teams by the Toowoomba U12 representative team last season.

Here is a list of their opponents: Dalby, Roma, Nanango, Kingaroy, Stanthorpe, Gold Coast, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Mackay, Ayr, Townsville, Gladstone, Cairns, Glen Innes, Armidale, Grange Thistle and Clairvaux.

In all, the team played 21 games for 10 wins, six draws and five losses.

Dan Wiebusch, from the local Wanderers club, represented Queensland

in the Australian Primary Schools championships in Adelaide.

He plays for both Wanderers and his school, Concordia College, and has broken new grounds in that students from non-state schools have only just become eligible for State schoolboys teams.

Toowoomba also has reason to be proud of the St Albans club, which has 16 junior and two senior teams.

St Albans has been in the top two in the Toowoomba club championship for the past five years.

The club purchased its own ground in Ruthven Street South and in March 1978 the amenities building was completed after some unremitting work.

From a humble start the club's senior teams have advanced to the stage that the top team is now in the Second Division of senior football.



Adrian Anderson, 7, is all for advertising the team of which he is the mascot. According to him, West Pennant Hills Premier League team are "The Wizards", and he does not mind anyone knowing it. This back view of his strip was taken at Eastwood Oval in Sydney.

1981 MINI AMPOL CUP DRAW

Sixteen teams have been drawn into four pools for the Mini Ampol Cup, the top team from each pool to go into the semi-finals. Each match is 30 minutes per half and teams are allowed two field replacements and one goalkeeper change during a game. At the end of the rounds the following shall apply to determine the placings if points are equal: goal difference; most goals scored for; and a replay if the teams are still equal. Extra time of 20 minutes (10 minutes each way) shall be played in play-offs, semi-finals and finals if teams are equal at full-time. If the sides are still equal at the end of extra time, a replay will be scheduled.

POOL 1: Southern Tablelands, South-West Slopes, Canterbury, St George.

POOL 2: Blacktown, Bankstown, Highlands, Nepean.

POOL 3: Manly, Southern and East, Illawarra, Sutherland.

POOL 4: Kuring-gai, Granville, Gladesville-Hornsby, Southern Districts.

ROUND 1

FRIDAY, JAN 23

Blacktown v Bankstown ... Sports Ground 6.30pm

SUNDAY, FEB 1

Sthn. Tablelands	v S.W. Slopes	Hall Bros Oval Young	12.00
Canterbury	v St George	Peakhurst Park	9.00
Highlands	v Nepean	Cook Park	10.00
Manly	v Sthn & East	Queen Elizabeth	10.45
Illawarra	v Sutherland	Bells Paddock	10.00
Kuring-gai	v Granville	Queen Elizabeth	9.30
Gladesville	v Sthn. Dist.	Queen Elizabeth	12.00

ROUND 2 — SUNDAY, FEB 8

Sthn. Tablelands	v Canterbury	Goulburn	10.30
St. George	v S.W. Slopes	Goulburn	11.45
Blacktown	v Highlands	Tahmoor	10.30
Nepean	v Bankstown	Jelliooe	11.15
Sth. & Eastern	v Sutherland	Jelliooe	10.00
Manly	v Illawarra	Cromer	10.30
Ku-ring-gai	v Gladesville	Queen Elizabeth	9.30
Granville	v Sthn. Dist.	Ernie Smith	9.30

ROUND 3 — SUNDAY, FEB 15

Sthn. Tablelands	v St George	Peakhurst	10.30
Sth. West Slopes	v Canterbury	Peakhurst	11.45
Blacktown	v Nepean	Cook Park	10.00
Bankstown	v Highlands	Cook Park	11.15
Manly	v Sutherland	Bates Drive	10.00
Sthn. & East	v Illawarra	Bates Drive	11.15
Ku-ring-gai	v Sthn. Dist.	Ernie Smith	10.00
Granville	v Gladesville	Ernie Smith	11.15

GROUND

Queen Elizabeth Park	Bradfield Rd., West Killara
Cromer Park	Inman Rd., Dee Why
Peakhurst Park	Trafalgar St., Peakhurst
Ernie Smith Reserve	Kelso Cres., Liverpool
Bates Drive	Kareela
Jelliooe Park	Pagewood
Tahmoor Oval	Thirlmere Way, Tahmoor
Bells Paddock	Main Road, Woonona
Cook Park	Wilson St., St Marys
Hall Bros. Oval	Young

CHULLORA 9/2s EXCEL



This team had its first year of grading in the age group, and celebrated by developing their teamwork to the extent that they won both the minor premiership and the final.

The final was an extraordinary effort, as they downed Bass Hill 4-0.

David Broughton was the outstanding scorer with 24 goals, followed by David Barrett 5, Jason Roberts 5, Andrew Krykalski 4 and Jason Finks 4.

Their coach Trevor Macey and manager Ian Broughton had a special word for the work put in by Peter Savino, Luke Sanson, Edgar Traverso, and goalkeeper Mark

Keppie, amongst others.

CHULLORA WOLVES S.C. U9 DIV.2

Top (left to right): Trevor Macey (Coach); Peter Savino; David Broughton; Luke Sanson; Ian Broughton (manager);

Bottom Row (left to right): John Roberts; Jason Roberts; Edgar Traverso; Mark Keppie; Rodney Macey; David Barrett; Chris Plakias;

Absent: Peter Phillips; Jason Finks.

SPONSOR FOR WEST PENNO

West Pennant Hills will be sponsored by Hooker Rex this season.

The big real estate group are developing the Greenway Estate at West Pennant Hills, and will be releasing some 3,000 homesites over the next five to seven years.

Club official Tony Ho said that the sponsorship will enable the club to greatly expand the sporting opportunities available to local youngsters.

INDOOR SOCCER AT EPPING YMCA

Late last season Epping YMCA was the popular venue for the men's and women's indoor soccer tournaments.

Games were played commencing at 6 pm for the ladies and 7.40 pm for men, ending at 11 pm.

Duration of each games was 18 minutes, with no half-time break.

Minor alterations are made to soccer rules, with the walls of the indoor basketball court being used as in squash.

WILLIE WALLACE LEADS BIG SOCCER SCHOOL IN ARMIDALE

Potential young stars from all over the Eastern States converged on the New England University campus in January for an extremely successful soccer coaching school.

The planning of the course has been going on for quite some time, but in January, Jerry Worsell, the university's Student Warden, at last put it all together.

In charge was Leichhardt coach Willie Wallace, who described the organisation and setting as absolutely superb.

"The 15 playing fields available and the magnificent gymnasium and individual rooms for the students make this an unbelievable site.

"The would have to physically restrain me to stop me coming back," he said.

As Celtic striker, Scotland international and the fourth highest all-time scorer in Scottish Soccer, Wallace knows his football.

The other aspect that heartened him was the standard of so many of the youth players who attended.

"It left me in no doubt that there are too many players of potential who are being missed by senior clubs. Ball control was excellent, but there is a deal more room for improvement of techniques," he said.

Wallace's message was that the simpler and quicker the game, the more attractive it became to spectators, whose entertainment was important to both amateur and professional football.

Jerry Worsell set out to make the camp into a New England University Soccer

Coaching School which would reach the standards of the Lars camp in Scotland and the Lilleshall academy in England.

The standard of the

coaches gives rise to the feeling that Mr Worsell's aim might be realised.

Jim Adam, who took West Adelaide to the Philips League premiership in 1977 and Sydney Olympic to the NSW State League title last season, gave an outstanding contribution.

John McKie, the Leichhardt import from Dundee, was on the staff along with great Australian

international Ray Baartz and Billy Westerveld, the former New Zealand international defender.

The goalkeeping expert was John Green, who had experience with Blackpool and Arsenal.

National Director of Coaching, Eric Worthington, was involved, and specialist lectures were given by Dr Greg Ansen, a lecturer at the Cumberland College of Health Sciences.

From the point of view of Soccer in NSW, the Coaching School at Armidale has a double value.

It will help to produce some fine country players and ensure that the move that has taken Armidale United, Tamworth City, Coffs Harbour and Clarence Valley into State League will be duplicated in time throughout other major cities and towns of the state.

JUNIOR DECENTRALISATION VITAL IN VICTORIA

Country Victorian playing numbers are well on the increase. Mrs Ann Jensen, secretary of the Victorian Junior League Management Committee, says many junior soccer associations are unaffiliated, so the statistics which would reveal playing strengths of the competitions are simply not available.

Victoria lists Ballarat, Latrobe and Geelong as affiliates. "In addition we have competitions at Shepparton, Warrnambool (including Hamilton), Bendigo, North-Eastern and Albury.

"There is now a Sunraysia Association in the Mildura district," she said.

In Melbourne all juniors come under the umbrella of the JLMC, and up to under 13 there are geographical divisions to cover Dandenong, Peninsula, Central, North and West zones.

In some grades there are combinations, such as Dandenong-Peninsula and North-West.

Whilst Victoria's junior organisation has the advantage of complete centralisation so far as Melbourne is concerned, unfortunately this system excludes the expansion

nary element of decentralisation that has made Sydney so much bigger in junior numbers and also works so well in Queensland and Northern NSW.

For example, Sydney's Protestant Churches Association plus one other large Association would have comparative numbers to the Melbourne juniors. Then there are twelve more Associations in Sydney, each with from 194 teams at the bottom of the scale to 660 at the top!

Thus in southern NSW alone there is a NSW Amateur Federation, a Sydney Federation, 16 Associations including the Independent Schools and all the other schools competitions.

And in the country (southern and western districts only) there are another twenty or more associations.

This comparison is not derogatory to Victoria because NSW started into widespread junior soccer competitions years before Victoria did.

But it gives a plain indication of how spreading the administrative load to the enthusiasts of various district associations leads to a widening of the numbers of junior players and the growth of the game.

This system in NSW has left Victoria well behind. Victoria are well to the fore in providing proper conditions for mini-soccer. Under 7 and 8 grades play six-a-side on 50 x 35 yard pitches, and along with under 9 and 10 grades their matches are not subject to league points.

Melbourne has produced many high quality players, but the move from European and British born and their immediate offsprings to the wider "Australian" population as a whole is far more gradual than in most other states.

Mrs Jensen added: "There has been a big rise for soccer amongst schools of every kind.

"And the work done by coaching instructors Fred Brooks, Tony Dunkerley and Alan Gentry has provided an outstanding contribution to our juniors' games."



Willie Wallace leads young hopeful Jock Charles in kicking practice at the Armidale Soccer Camp.

REGISTRATION DAYS

* First call goes to BEROWRA RSL SOCCER CLUB, who are seeking new and previous players (male and female) from U7 to A grade.

All should register on Sat February 7 or Sunday February 15 between 9 am and 1 pm at the Village Green (Berowra Waters Rd & Turner Rd). The club will be glad to interview intending coaches and managers, with or without experience.

Says Berowra RSL: "Join your Soccer Club — FOR THE REAL FOOTBALL!"

* EPPING YMCA — I. McKee 85 6607. B. Hicks 871 2546.

* ROSELEA — Maria Poulos 871 3205.

* CARLINGFORD REDBACKS — Ian MacLennan 869 7582.

* RYDE RSL — Mrs P. Jurd 807 1547.

* ST CLAIR UNITED — Feb 7/8 & 14/15, 10 am to 5 pm, Cnr Bennett Rd & St Clair Ave, St Clair.

* HENRY LAWSON — Feb 8, 10 am to 1 pm at Henry Lawson Club Ltd, Dunheved Rd, Werrington.

* ST MARYS CONVENT — Feb 7 & 8, 9 am to 4 pm, Mamre Rd & Ainsbury Rd, St Marys.

* ST JOSEPHS — Feb 7, 1 pm to 3 pm at St Josephs School, Joseph St, Kingswood.

* ST MARYS — Feb 8, 10 am to 1 pm, Ridge Park.

* MACQUARIE CHURCHES — Feb 7, 2 pm at St Josephs Oval, Agincourt Rd, Eastwood.

* WEST RYDE ROVERS — Feb 8, 9 am to 2 pm at Amenities Block, Meadowbank Park.

* EASTWOOD-ST ANDREWS — Colin Spring 848 8463, Gordon Monk 85 2560.

* GLADESVILLE RSL — Bob Thurston 807 6941.

* HOLY CROSS RYDE — Feb 8, 9 am to noon at the College.

* RYDE PANTHERS — Feb 7, 10 am to 3 pm at the clubroom, ELS Hall Ground, Kent Rd, North Ryde.

THORNLEIGH FOR 1981 PREMIER LEAGUE

Thornleigh Thunderbolts have entered the Gladesville-Hornsby Premier League for the coming season.

Last year their first team ended up all-age semi-finalists whilst the seconds were undefeated premiers.

Club president Dick Perkins asks for further players interested in joining the club to contact him on 848 9052.

The club has received great support from sponsors Northside Real Estate, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Thornleigh Timber and Hardware.

Paul Brockhuizen did a tremendous job as club coach, providing assistance to the men handling the club's various teams.

Twelve of the club teams contested finals in 1980.

The completion of work at Oakleigh Park will enable the club to handle a record number of registrations this season.

JIM HERMISTON'S COACHING HINTS

Jim Hermiston, one of Australia's outstanding Soccer players, has supplied AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY with a series of illustrated coaching hints.

Hermiston plays with Brisbane Lions in the Philips League but before migrating to Australia, he was a distinguished player in his native Scotland.

He was included in Scotland's original squad for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany and was unlucky not to be in the final 22 which travelled to Germany.

If you want to buy Jim Hermiston's SoccerSkills in book form, it is available from:—

Queensland Newspapers, Campbell Street, Bowen Hills, Brisbane, Queensland, 4006.

Send \$3 for the book. This will also cover postal charges.

SOCCER SKILLS

with JIM HERMISTON

TWO-FOOTED KICKING.

It is a great asset to be able to kick the ball equally well with either foot from an early age.

Practise kicking with both feet by hitting a ball against a wall or fence continuously.

If you do favor one foot for shooting, then at least make sure you can pass competently with the other. Remember! Keep your eyes on the ball.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

GRAND FINALISTS 1980 — THROWN OUT 1981

By Mercury Murphy

In one of the most sensational developments in Illawarra Soccer for many years, last season's grand finalists West-Figtree have been kicked out of the premier league because their ground isn't considered up to standard.

Figtree and Dapto have both been banished to a lower division as the Illawarra Soccer Association attempts to improve grounds and facilities — it appears at any cost.

Figtree had 26 junior teams last season and have produced many top players since they consolidated their place in senior Soccer while Dapto also have fostered juniors over the years.

At one stage, the Figtree committee were going to take the association to the Equity Court to challenge the ruling but decided against this move because of the cost involved.

To add to the controversy Lysaght's have been promoted to premier league and while they have top ground facilities they don't have junior teams.

The other newcomers will be Shoalhaven City, a newly-formed club from the Nowra area, while the strong Shellharbour club has been given another chance in premier league.

Figtree vice-president Adrian Ringland, a former top full-back with South Coast United, told ASW it was a scandal that his club should be ousted.

"I thought someone was having a joke on me when I heard the news but the Association evidently feels that it doesn't matter how strong your club is. You have to have top facilities," Ringland said.

"Members of my club feel they have been victimised by the ISA and we have lodged an appeal with the NSW Federation.

"Our appeal to the ISA was a waste of time as they said we couldn't appeal on matters of district policy."

Ringland said Figtree were premier league club champions over three grades last season, making all three semi-finals, winning the under-18 title easily.

He said it is really tragic for these younger players that they can't stay in premier league.

"We made the first grade grand final and lost to Fairy Meadow and that team is now playing in Sydney so we could be rated the leading team in Illawarra on that basis," Ringland said.

"Figtree were told last year that the club must move from Graham Park and we are trying to develop a new ground nearby.

"We have put plenty of labor into laying turf on the new ground but there have been delays

with Wollongong Council in developing facilities there.

"Figtree just needed a little more time but the Association decided grounds are more important than having a strong club with sound administration and we have been axed."

The Graham Park ground, meantime, is covered in a good layer of grass and must rate among the top playing surfaces in Illawarra.

The problem is Figtree can't put a fence around the ground because of Council regulations. Ironically other clubs have put fences around playing pitches that are well below standard and remain in premier league.

Dapto spokesman Tommy Kay said his club also is shocked at being dropped from the league as they have a strong organisation with very good juniors.

Kay's son Paul came up from the juniors ranks and is now a regular member of the Australian Youth squad.

Unfortunately, Dapto's ground, Lakelands Oval, is in bad shape, but attempts have been made to lease an area of the park to develop a good Soccer ground.

Dapto have spent more than any other club in Illawarra trying to build a strong premier league side in recent years.

Association secretary John Munro told ASW his committee sent out letters to five clubs last season telling them to improve their grounds and facilities or risk being axed.

"It was ISA policy that premier league clubs be given a certain time to do this and it was unanimous that Figtree and Dapto be left out," he said.

"Even when Figtree made strong representation to us to get back in, the clubs made it even more unanimous when they rejected their appeal by a large majority.

"It has always been a rule that the premier league is by invitation only and if a club wins promotion and we decide it isn't suitable, it doesn't come up."

There is no doubt Figtree, in particular, have been given a raw deal as they have proved a most consistent premier league club in all grades.

Most of their players say they will stay on at Figtree, but as the start of the season draws closer some may be enticed to transfer to premier league clubs.

Those who stay are determined to develop their new ground and be back in the top grade for the start of 1982.

Ringland said he hopes most of the first team players stay so the team can win the lower division and score a heap of goals to embarrass the ISA.

A LAMB IN BEAR'S CLOTHING

By IAN SMITH

The most significant happening since the Northern N.S.W. State League commenced last year has occurred with the appointment of Alan Lamb as manager. This follows ex-manager Ron Gow's acceptance of a position on the board of KB United.

A highly motivated man, whose efforts with the Northern N.S.W. Federation a few years ago led Sir Arthur George to commend him for "his drive, leadership and dedication", Lamb is fully aware of the problems facing the League.

They can be summed up in one word — finance.

In an unpublished letter to the Newcastle Herald last year he expressed caution re finance despite overall enthusiasm for the project. His first major meeting with other State League directors will be to discuss that specific problem.

A man in this type of position often finds a strong ego an advantage and Lamb is not short in this department and recently stated to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, "I believe I am one person

who can make a hell of a go of it for the clubs though I can't double the number of bums on seats," and added, about his past record, "I've done more for the progress of Soccer than anyone else in recent history."

Sponsorship will be one

of his main objectives, one he hopes to achieve in consultation with the A.S.F. Marketing service.

As president of Weston Bears he took them from the bottom of the then N.N.S.W. 2nd division to the top of 1st division and later in the same position with the Federation increased the number of clubs from 24 to 60. There is one thing the Soccer public can certainly look forward to — there will be a lot happening in the N.N.S.W. State League this year as a result of his appointment.

— AND IRVING FLIES FROM THE EAGLES' NEST

In a shock move, Peter Irving, coach of Edgeworth Eagles for the past six seasons, has split with the club after taking them to the top in the State League last year. The club finished second only on goal difference to Weston and lost major premiership contention when beaten 1-0 by Stewarts & Lloyds.

He is on the open market at present and says, "I

feel like a new challenge. After six seasons I feel I've done everything a coach can hope to achieve."

He has aspirations to coach PSL but realises that it is almost a "closed shop".

His fine record should see offers forthcoming quickly as his emphasis on motivation is well-known by example and he could conceivably succeed at any level.

HAWKS NEED A «KILL»

By Tom McKain

Facing what should be an exercise in goal-scoring, Philips League club West Adelaide Hawks will take the field in the Ampol Cup series tomorrow night with nerves as taut as those of a Cup Final team.

Taught a lesson by a 10-man Croatia team which won 1-0 in the second round, the Hawks face the State Youth team this time, and must win convincingly.

We say "must" because this is not the full strength youth squad, as several clubs have not released their star Under 19s for the State.

The youngsters, under Brian Dooley, shook up the Second Division select before going down 1-0, and until the Hawks hit the front it will be anyone's game.

Coach Billy Birch is not expected to make many changes from the side which lost 1-0 to Croatia, for the simple reason there are



Martyn Crook

few he can make to strengthen the team.

Apart from young midfielder David Doorne and Doran Maricio fighting for a place, the side picks itself.

However, Birch hopes to have his Sunderland import Neville Flounders at centre-back.

The 22 year old defender should solve a massive problem if he plays up to his reputation.

With young Tom Forde in Ireland on holiday, Birch had to call on midfielder or forward Graham Honeyman to play stopper alongside Shraga Topaz, and it didn't work.

There is also a chance Gordon Haig, State full-back signed from Campbelltown, will be fit for his first game after a knee injury.

Socceroo goalkeeper Martyn Crook, out with a back injury, may also be able to make his 1981 debut.

However, his new deputy, 15-year-old David Miller, signed from Para Hills, has so far done nothing wrong.

If Hawks don't make a big impression against the Youth side they can kiss goodbye to the majority of their supporters, who have still not forgiven them for finishing second bottom last season in the PSL.

In the early Ampol Cup game this week Para take

on Cumberland.

The latter went down 3-2 to Adelaide City Giants on opening night while Para beat the Amateur League State team 3-0 in the second round.

Cumberland, under new player-coach Mike Ball, are favourites.

Ball has all his teammates from last year around him while Para's new non-playing coach Evan Douglas has eight missing.

Miller has gone to Hawks, Phil Cole wants to join Azzurri along with Tony Radford, veteran stopper Frank Lister wanted to rest, Tim Brown is with the Hawks, John Gardiner looks like going to Brisbane Lions, and Bob Miller, Jim Smith and Dave Whitehead have yet to sign new contracts.

While Para beat the Amateur League State team 3-0 they were struggling until the amateurs ran out of steam.



PETER IRVING HOLDS THE PREMIERSHIP TROPHY, SUPPORTED BY ALAN PARKINSON AND WARREN ANDERSON AFTER THE 1978 GRANDFINAL.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

N.S.W. AMPOL CUP 1981

By Brad Earl

The first four games of the 1981 NSW Ampol Cup provide an opportunity to compare several teams' prospects for the season, including big guns Melita and Croatia.

Through good planning, the two sets of games on Friday and Saturday nights are remarkably similar, pitting certain types of teams against other similar-quality teams.

The late game on both nights features a high-flying team against a "minnow", and the early game features a non-State League Team against a mid-table State League outfit.

Friday's main match sees Melita Eagles take on Manly, and on last season's form, when Melita took out the premiership, there seems only one possible result — a Melita win.

Melita's new signings, particularly the young players new coach Vic Dalgleish has snatched up, will be out to cement their places in the side. It should also be interesting to see how Mark Ross fits in beside Don Allan in the Eagles' attack.

Manly will also be fielding some new faces, including a few English players. But are they as good as they are made out to be, and will they have acclimatised in time for this big encounter?

The clash between Sydney Croatia and Parramatta City on Saturday is almost identical to the previous night's match.

Big spenders Croatia seem set to fight out the title, with Melita and possibly two other teams.

It might be cruel to say that Manly and Parramatta, along with a couple of others, will be struggling for survival, but it does look on the cards.

Parramatta's side is basically the same as last year, but a key factor is that they have lost valuable Johnny Forward.

It is highly unlikely they will cause an upset here. If Croatia field their new faces in the one unit, though, spectators should be treated to a fine display of attractive Soccer.

The early game on Saturday is a clash of two "country" teams, Inter Monaro and Fairy Meadow from Illawarra.

Fairy Meadow are an unknown entity; they do, however, come to Sydney on a good reputation — last year's Illawarra Premiers and new members of the Sydney First Division competition.

Their supporters thought they should have been admitted to the State League, and the players will be going all out to prove they are capable of that standard against Monaro.

Fairy will no doubt put up a good fight, but Inter look likely to come up trumps in the end, with the

THIS WEEK:

FRIDAY, FEB 6 (Seymour Shaw):

NORTH SYDNEY V WOLLONGONG UTD 6.45 PM

MELITA EAGLES V MANLY WARRINGHAH 8.30 PM

SATURDAY, FEB 7 (St. George Stadium):

INTER MONARO V FAIRY MEADOW 6.45 PM

CROATIA SYDNEY V PARRAMATTA CITY 8.30 PM

benefit of experience being the telling factor.

Wollongong United also felt they should have been admitted to the State League after a few very good seasons in First Division, and they too will out to prove themselves against North Sydney in Friday night's early game.

Under astute coach Mike Johnson, they should be able to notch a win against North, who will no doubt be lacking through the departure of Leyden, with his Scottish replacement yet to arrive.

North Sydney must also be missing joint coach Fil Bottalico's influence, who is "sidelined with injury". Yet Archie Blue is capable of spurring the side on.

So Wollongong and Melita look like getting two points from Friday's group A matches.

Inter Monaro should take a lead in group C, but will have Canterbury-Marickville after them in a week's time.

And Croatia for two points in group B, but they can expect a stern challenge from St. George and Arncliffe.



MIKE JOHNSON

Now Brad Earl takes a look at prospects for NSW clubs in the 1981 Coca-Cola State League

MANLY WARRINGHAH

Manly — forever struggling to keep their place in the State League — look like they are in for another difficult season.

From last year's side, English defender George Townsend has a clearance, as has 18 year old Stuart Riley, who wants to concentrate on his medical studies after finishing HSC last year, and Graham Firrell, a central striker, is transfer-listed.



On the credit side, the club have signed some English players, including Peter Falconer, who was with Derby County's reserves, his brother Robert (a midfielder or defender), Steven Lynch, a midfielder or striker from English Southern League football, and Stuart Regan, also a midfielder/striker who has been playing in New Zealand and last year was the runner-up in the NZ Player of the Year.

One big plus for the side is that the first grade squad is considerably strengthened, from a dwindling squad of about 11 or 12 players from the tail-end of last season, to about 17 at present.

And the side's young players, like Peter Vale and Robbie Stuart, are

growing in ability in every game.

If the additional overseas players are as good as their reputation, the side may be able to move away from the relegation zone and establish a firm mid-table position, and build from there.

INTER MONARO

Monaro could have a very good year in 1981, particularly with the return of former coach Joe Arquero Snr from Spain.

Arquero coached the team up to 1976, when Frank Maccarone took charge of the side. He has decided to move into an advisory capacity to allow Arquero to take the reigns.

Another Joe Arquero has also joined the club, this one a midfield player who has joined the club on loan for a year from Canberra. He comes with Mark Francis, a stopper bought for \$2,000.

Two players are having trials with other clubs and may leave Inter. Midfielders Joe Sandolin is trialling with Leichhardt, and Peter Lawler is with the local Olympic club.

The only area where the club is deficient is up front, and they are looking for an extra one or two strikers.

An addition of strikers would round off the side, as they have a very sound midfield and defence, marshalled by captain Bobby Noble, and that would give the side a good chance of making the top four.

NORTH SYDNEY



BOBBY MCGINN TO NORTH SYDNEY

North Sydney have lost a number of good players, but have signed and are negotiating for

(hopefully) capable replacements for 1981.

On the move have been 1980 NSW Player of the Year Frank Leyden, who has gone to Leichhardt to try his luck in the Philips League for the healthy sum of \$7,000, defender Jim Bottalico, who is also at Leichhardt, Robbie Yousiph, a talented right-winger who is on a year's loan to Blacktown City, and right-back John Walker, who has a teaching post in the country.

To counter this, North Sydney are likely to have Bobby McGinn on loan from Leichhardt, Tom Steven (25), a Scottish midfielder from Dunfermline who is being signed to fill the big gap in the middle left by Leyden's departure, two players are being sought after from both the Philips League and the State League, and two youngsters have been promoted to the first grade squad.

The coaching job is still with Archie Blue and Fil Bottalico in joint control, but the committee has a new look with five new members, Ron Orsatti going to Leichhardt, and last year's vice president, Joe La Rosa, being promoted to president.

The side may suffer from the departure of players like Leyden, Bottalico and Yousiph, and it is yet to be seen if the replacements can fill the gaps.

If they can't, Norths may slip a few positions

down the competition ladder, but they do have the capacity to recover by the season's end.

MELITA EAGLES

Obviously the aim of the Eagles is to retain the State League premiership won last year under Atti Abonyi, but they know they've got a fight on their hands.

New coach Vic Dalgleish, former Auburn mentor and believer in youth, would love to keep the side up at the top, have a good shot at winning one, or even more, trophies, and to establish a major youth policy at the club.

Several of last year's players are on the way out, with centre-back Steve McDonald having bought his own contract, Steve Mikas leaving because of travel and business commitments, and Vic Juchniewicz and Brian Parker likely to go to Croatia.

Most of the new signings are young players, including Mark Ross, fullback Greg McCoy and Paul Daley from Auburn, with negotiations continuing for defenders Warwick Martin from Ku-ring-gai and Paul Thompson from Bankstown, as well as a PSL midfielder and a State League striker.

If these two players are experienced, quality players, to balance the young players being brought in, the squad should be perfectly balanced and able to hold its own in the top two or three.

But if the new players take time to settle in,

the club may miss important early points, and find themselves with a chase to catch a "pacemaker".

Then we'll know if Melita have the stuff PSL sides are made of.

ARNCLIFFE SCOTS

After appointing Atti Abonyi as full-time coach for 1981, Arncliffe started looking around for the players they needed to make a big challenge this season — and got them.

Three Blacktown City PSL players made the switch to the Scots, joining the club's other major close season signing, goalie Ron Gisbourne from Auburn.

The ex-Demons are strikers Alan Fisher and Gavin Landon, and versatile Phil Dolton, who were on the fringe of regular first-team positions at Blacktown last season.

The strikers should fill the gap left by the departure of Steve Montgomery to Croatia and Steve Leak back to Auburn, and the transfer-listing of Alan Ainslie.

Landon is a very exciting prospect for the future, particularly after his display in his PSL debut for Blacktown in the last game of 1980 against Adelaide City — at 16 years old.

It seems that the Arncliffe side want to prove their ability as a quality soccer team, and the appointment of Abonyi should ensure they finish in the top echelon of State League teams this year.

NEXT WEEK WE LOOK AT THE REMAINING SEVEN SIDES

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

GREEN GULLY SHOULD START WITH A WIN

By Greg Blake

Next weekend the spotlight falls on Victoria's regular season pipe-opener, the Ampol Cup.

With the loss of Preston to State League competition, and the addition of three new clubs to the league, an appraisal of the various teams' winning chances is a very difficult proposition indeed.

Soccer headquarters, Olympic Park, is the venue for the opening games this Saturday (February 7).

In the early game, Green Gully get their first opportunity to assess their new-look 1981 squad when they meet Brunswick Juventus.

Without Jimmy Dunne, Ajax, on paper, look a decidedly weaker team, yet up front they now have fire power to spare.

New signings Wall, Greenchan and McLeod will all be keen to impress their new club and that should be enough to give Ajax the points.

The two sides I believe will be the league's pace-setters in the new season, Hakoah and Essendon Croatia, do battle in the second game in what should be the match of the round.

Essendon are by far the more talented side, but amidst talk of impending transfers and player unrest, Hakoah may start the season on a high note.

Hakoah ended 1980 in

fine style with some magnificent performances in the Victoria Cup. Although they were defeated in a controversial semi-final against Footscray, they did more than enough to impress and should win on Saturday.

On Sunday at Green Gully Reserve, Croydon City meet Sunshine City and Frankston City play George Cross.

Croydon, who always begin the season well, are enthusiastic, ambitious and have recruited well. Their opponents have been noticeably inactive on the transfer market and another struggling year looks decidedly possible.

All augurs well for Croydon in 1981 and they should win their opening encounter.

Frankston and George Cross is another intriguing clash although neither is expected to set the State League on fire this year.

Frankston are painstakingly rebuilding their side for the second time in 18 months and will find it difficult to settle into a pattern for some time.

George Cross have struggled for the last two years and although I believe they are a better side than that form indicates, a



James Kriaris

mid-table position is perhaps the best they could ask for.

I tip Georgie to take the points simply because they have the more settled side, although the match could go either way.

The other venue for Sunday's games is Jubilee Park Ringwood, where Altona take on Ringwood City and Northcote City play Doveton.

Ringwood should have no trouble in the early

game against Altona with the latter having to field an almost reserve-strength side, as they will have to all the year.

Doveton and Northcote meet in the second match and this too could be a game that goes either way.

Although Doveton come up as champions, Northcote did beat them last year, and under the astute leadership of ex-Footscray stalwart Jim Kriaris they could repeat the dose this week.

WOLVES PLUG A HOLE — IN FENCE

By Mercury Murphy

Wollongong City supporters have already proved they will go to any lengths to back their team — they are giving Wollongong Showground a facelift because the Showground trust hasn't got the money to do it.

Wollongong Showground is far from an ideal Soccer venue but is the only ground available in the city capable of holding a big crowd.

Major problem has been that most spectators are able to get in free simply by walking along the beach and entering through a hole in the fence.

Realising this was going to cost them money, the City board asked the trust to fix the fence but trust members said they didn't have the finances.

It was then left to a group of club supporters to band together and fix up a ground owned by the Government!

They enlisted the aid of welders and bricklayers to make the fence secure and then got to work painting the grandstand.

Spokesman Jack Zanier, himself a bricklayer, said the group was determined to have the ground ready for the start of the premiership.

He said it is a shame the club have to do things themselves when they are going to be paying a decent rent for using the ground.

"We just couldn't leave it the way it was because Wollongong City can't afford to lose thousands of dollars in gate money in their first season," Zanier said.

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Wollongong City supporters can't wait for their next raffle to be drawn.

When they played Newcastle KB United, Tommy Docherty was on hand to draw the winning ticket: for the Canberra game Leo Baumgartner did the job.

Supporters want to know who the club has lined up to follow this distinguished duo.

There is certain to be strong rivalry between Wollongong United and Fairy Meadow in the Sydney first division this year.

United just missed out on promotion in their first two seasons in the league and coach Mike Johnson is hoping they can make it at the third attempt.

Fairy Meadow look the team to beat — particularly as they are new to the Sydney opposition.

This was a major reason Wollongong United did so well in their first season.

If Sydney clubs think Fairy Meadow are "easybeats" they have a big shock coming.

They have retained the squad which won the Illawarra title for the last two years and bought three more top players.

It would not surprise to see them do very well in the Ampol Cup and leave a few Sydney clubs who voted against their admission to the State League with red faces.

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Premier league Coniston played well to hold Inter-Monaro to a 1-1 draw in Canberra recently, hitting the woodwork four times in the process.

It was a promising start for Robert Fryer's side and they proved their fitness by coming out the following day and providing an early game to the Wollongong City-Canberra City trial.

It was quite an effort because the trip back from Canberra the previous night left a few players with hangers.

Not the least was midfielder Gerry Walker, who confused his team-mates on the bus with a Scottish version of "Shaddup You Face."

PSL REJECTS MAY BE BACK

By Tom McKain

South Australia's two PSL clubs must be having second looks at Croatia's Robert Marwe and Vic Smythe.

Both were rejected by Adelaide City Giants, midfielder-striker Marwe after a couple of seasons with the club, and Smythe after only weeks.

Marwe eventually went to Croatia, the club who sold him to Giants, while Smythe moved on to Campbelltown, then Croatia this season.

Billy Birch, who coached Croatia to the State League title last season, and doubled up as Hawks coach late in the season, was expected to take Marwe with him into the PSL this year.

Marwe and Smythe starred in Croatia's 1-0 shock Ampol Cup win over the PSL side in the second round, and looked more effective than any of the Hawks'

front runners.

While Giants have a large squad, there would still be room for the Croatia pair as Peter Rankin, Lucio Signore and Greg Buch are teenagers.

However, no moves are likely until the end of the Ampol series, when Giants and Hawks will know if they have the best, and strongest terms, in the State.

If there are any failures in their line-ups, watch for moves on Marwe and Smythe.

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The idea of fielding select teams — Amateur, Second Division and Youth — in the Ampol series was a good one, but the Youth plan has flopped.

Not all clubs released their players for the

Youth squad, sponsored by Ampol, with the result that the plan to help Australia prepare for the World Youth championship here later this year, has collapsed.

The SA Federation should have forced clubs, such as the PSL pair, to release players like Socceroo Youth striker David Mitchell, David Doorne, Lucio Signore, David Rankin, and Ian McKie for the Youth squad.

As it is, the current Youth line-up could become the chopping block of the series, along with the Amateur team.

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With the appointment of Zoran Matic as coach of Beograd, the State league clubs have now completed appointments for 1981 — and nine of the 10 clubs in the First Division have new coaches.

Here is the list: — Croatia — Peter

Jaksa.
Para Hills — Ewan Douglas.
Polonia — Eddie Typek.
Cumberland — Mike Ball (player-coach).
Azzurri — Frank Schaper.
Campbelltown — Denis Harlow.
Port Adelaide — Simon Sparreboom.
Beograd — Zoran Matic.
Elizabeth — Brian Dooley.

Newly-promoted Noarlunga have retained Terry Wetton as their coach for '81.

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Adelaide Hawks will have to wait until Wednesday night, March 11, to know if they are into the second round of the Philips Cup.

That's the date named by the Australian Soccer Federation after Hawks and Para Hills couldn't agree on an earlier date.

HAWKS WINGED BY CROATIA

By Tom McKain

West Adelaide Hawks were shattered in the second round of the Ampol Cup night series in Adelaide when Croatia held out for a 1-0 win with only 10 men.

Apart from the humiliation of being beaten by a State league team, even if they were champions last season, it proved to Hawks' fans that what coach Billy Birch has been telling committeemen is true — they need three players from overseas.

With cash tight, Birch, who coached Croatia to the State title last year, and also took charge of Hawks late in the season, has been trying to make do with local signings.

He got 19-year-old Tim Brown as a striker from Para Hills, Gordon Haig from Campbelltown as an all-round defender, and 15-year-old David Miller, the brilliant goalkeeper from Para Hills.

Miller is already playing in place of the injured Socceroo Martyn Crook.

"We have Neville Flounders expected this week from Sunderland," said Birch, who is counting on the 22-year-old to fill the vast gap at centre back.

"But I've told the committee we still need a midfielder, a pure striker and another forward.

"I know cash is scarce, but if we are to do anything in the league this year we must buy players."

The return of Peter Boyle from State league club Port Adelaide has lifted Hawks slightly, but they looked out of touch in a 3-1 trial defeat from the Giants, then slumped against Croatia.

Steve Caggiano blasted in a 35-metre rocket in the eighth minute of the game,



BILLY BIRCH

and the Hawks panicked.

Chances came along but they could not take them, and they ran into a defensive wall after Croatia's Tommy Williams had been sent off with eight minutes of the first half to go.

With only 10 men it was natural for Croatia to defend, but when they broke away they looked more dangerous through Vic Smythe, Robert Marwe and Terry Hayes.

Croatia are now favourites to win their section and go into the final against Giants, who were seeded along with the Hawks to make the final.

In the other Ampol match, Para Hills, minus eight of last year's team which won the Top Four Coca-Cola Cup and finished second to Croatia in the Rothman's League, eventually coasted to a 3-0 win over the Amateur League State team.

AUSTRALIAN CHIT-CHAT

John Yzendoorn said he thoroughly enjoyed his month or so training with top English team, Ipswich Town — but he did not sign for them.

Yzendoorn flew from Jakarta to England immediately after Australia's final tour match against Indonesia — against the wishes of coach Rudi Gutendorf.

The Heidelberg sweeper, however, was back in favour and was included in Gutendorf's Australian squad against Dinamo Zagreb.

By the way, Yzendoorn reckons the days of the \$2,000,000 transfer fee are over in Britain. He said: "The majority of clubs are very hard up and only a really exceptional star would attract that size fee."

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Here's a strange twist to the substitute controversy. Before Australia played Dinamo Zagreb in Canberra, the rival coaches conferred on how many subs could play.

Rudi Gutendorf said: "Dinamo coach Blazevic wanted unlimited use of substitutes. I told him we wanted only two — or three at most. We don't want the game turned into a circus."

That's a more enlightened outlook than Rudi adopted on the November/December tour. Let's hope he's reformed!

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Johnny Warren was at the Australia v Dinamo match in Canberra — but only as a spectator.

Warren confessed he



was upset that he didn't clinch the Soccer coaching job at the multi-million dollar Sports Institute, the job Jimmy Shouler will handle.

Shoulder's appointment has been bitterly criticised in some quarters, although in many ways, he looks an ideal choice.

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Socceroo stars signed documents last year agreeing not to leave Australia until after the World Cup, but would those ag-

AND 17 BIT THE DUST!



There is usually a big turnover in Australia's international squad players — but surely nothing as drastic as has been experienced in the past few years. From this picture of the squad which played 1977 World Cup elimination matches, the casualty rate is enormous.

No fewer than 17 of the 19 pictured have bitten the dust.

The only two survivors to go on the 1980 tour were Murray Barnes and Allan Maher.

Recognise the faces in the much-decimated 1977 squad?

They are:-

BACK ROW (from left): Peter Van Rijn (physio), Atti Abonyi, Murray Barnes, Peter Ollerton, Todd Clarke, Allan Maher, John Kosmina, Gary Marocchi, Col Bennett, Jim Shouler (coach).

FRONT ROW (from left): Harry Williams, John Nyskohus, George Harris, Peter Wilson, Agenor Muniz, Jim Rooney, Peter Stone, Gary Byrne, Dave Harding.

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reements stand up in a court of law?

We might get the answer soon. Dinamo Zagreb are keen to buy Eddie Krncevic from Marconi.

If Krncevic and Marconi both want the deal to go through, it's difficult to see how they can be prevented.

Australian Soccer Federation president, Sir Arthur George, wouldn't agree.

Sir Arthur has pledged he'll enforce the agreement, even if it means going to the highest court in the land.

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NSW Coca-Cola State League club, Auburn, have put Hector Martinez on transfer for \$8,000 and Gary Fairclough for \$2,500. But those fees are negotiable.

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Billy Griffiths wants to get away from St George to play in the Philips League but Saints new coach Frank Arok says he's not leaving.

"Griffiths won't play for any club this year — apart from St George," said Arok.

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Next Sunday, Sydney fans will have the chance to compare the talent in the PSL and the Coca-Cola State League.

A challenge match has been arranged between Sydney Olympians and St George at the St George Stadium. From what we hear, this friendly fixture could be far from friendly!

Olympians aim to prove they deserved to replace Saints in the PSL. Saints want to prove the opposite.

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It's early days yet, but we gather the fans are not too impressed by the nicknames being used by the PSL clubs.

Some Adelaide City (Giants) and West Adelaide (Hawks) followers, have asked Press men not to use them.

At least the names have the fans talking, and they may yet catch on with the kids, particularly if T-shirts with the new names and logos are a hit.

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BEST PLAYERS IN NSW... OR WERE THEY?

Frank Leyden of North Sydney won a magnificent Holden Sunbird for being "Player of the Year" in the NSW Coca-Cola Bottlers State League last year. But can you remember which players just missed the Sunbird?

Leyden, now with Leichhardt, returned an excellent 41 points, but he beat Bobby Noble (Inter Monaro) by only two points.

Note that Neil Williams, who won the 1980 Rothmans Medal, came only 11th in the voting.

In the competition for the Holden car, the voting was done by coaches. Roth-

mans Medal voting is by referees.

In both contests, outstanding players in poor teams tend to collect more votes than similar players in good teams... which is the weakness in both systems of assessing a winner.

Here are the players who led the voting for the Holden Sunbird:-

PTS.	PLAYER	1980 CLUB
41	F. Leyden	North Sydney
39	B. Noble	Inter Monaro
36	A. McPherson	Cant.-M'ville
33	D. Donovan	Parramatta City
33	B. Doyle	Manly Warringah
29	J. Stoddart	Melita Eagles
29	A. Link	Inter Monaro
29	J. McDonald	Auburn
28	P. Ahrens	Avala
28	G. Lynch	Bankstown City
27	N. Williams	Cant.-M'ville
27	Z. Kafka	Croatia Sydney
25	M. Barton	Avala
25	A. Scott	Sydney Olympic
25	W. Lachowich	Bankstown City
24	S. Meades	Sutherland Shire
24	S. Leake	Arncliffe Scots
24	A. Ainslie	Arncliffe Scots
23	D. Allan	Melita Eagles
23	P. Heywood	Inter Monaro
23	G. Byles	Cant.-M'ville
23	J. Magill	Ku-ring-gai
22	A. Tracey	Arncliffe Scots
22	I. Rowden	Sydney Olympic
21	P. Hensman	Sydney Olympic
21	A. Dobson	Auburn
20	A. McMillan	Auburn
20	M. Haynes	Sutherland Shire
20	K. Coleman	Croatia Sydney
20	S. Watson	Croatia Sydney

Long-range prophecy from Bill Englefield, Rale Rasic's partner in Australian Soccer Camps at Dural. "Australia's national coach for the 1990 World Cup will be Atti Abonyi."

Abonyi has impressed a lot of folk with his coaching methods at Melita Eagles and Croatia and, as he proved at Dural, he's also tops with the kids.

Bill Englefield added: "Atti might have the job in 1986 — not 1990."

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Blacktown Demons may have found another Doug Utjesenovic in Yugoslavian import Jovan Djordjevic.

Asked to describe Djordjevic, Blacktown coach Rale Rasic said: "In technique, he has a lot in common with Utjesenovic, producing all the same classy touches. But Jovan is probably faster and stronger than Dougie."

Blacktown don't know Djordjevic's best position. He's equally at home at full-back or on the wing.

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Wouldn't it have been a nice gesture if Rudi Gutendorf had looked into the NSW dressing room to say "well done" after the State team beat Dinamo Zagreb at the Sports Ground? Why didn't he?

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The English F.A. Year Book has match reports on 20 matches played by England in 1979-80, including even Under 21 and "B" team games.

Surprise, surprise. There is no mention of the Australia v England international at the Sydney Cricket Ground!

By the way this Year Book is on sale in Sydney at Frank Mathias's shop, 715 George Street at \$5.95.

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READERS' FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.

Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

Dear Sir,

I would like to refer to what I consider is a quite amazing article in the Sydney Morning Herald recently, written by Rudi Gutendorf, which is supposedly a defence of his two-year tenure (so far) as national coach.

Firstly Rudi claims that he has done everything possible to make the Socceroos play "aggressive" Soccer. Many people must have read this part of the article in disbelief or perhaps thinking that Rudi was joking tongue-in-cheek. He also goes on to credit himself with the Australianisation of the Socceroos and Soccer in general. Perhaps some kind person should have told Rudi that with him or without him this Australianisation was inevitable because the quality of imported Soccer players in recent years has declined alarmingly and the quality of the local players has improved slightly (but not much), therefore the gap has narrowed.

Next Rudi goes on to make even more outrageously unbelievable statements: "Craig Johnston does not have extraordinary Soccer talent." Johnston, the ex-Newcastle boy who is regarded by English experts as one of the most talented players in the UK at present, is regarded by Rudi as having less talent than Peter Tredinnick, amongst others, and if only these players would follow "my" (Rudi's) formula "I" would be able to produce many players of Craig Johnston's class. The fact is after two years as national coach Rudi cannot put a team on the field that can play as quarter as good as Johnston is a player.

Surely a coach with Rudi's experience and professionalism (words he uses a lot) should be able to assemble a team that player-for-player has at least equal to 25 per cent of the ability of Craig Johnston, and with such a team we should comfortably qualify for Spain 82.

Rudi complains that the main attributes of most of the Australian players are their strength, physical condition and hard-running determination (if any). There is nothing new in this problem. All previous national coaches had this problem and despite their lack of credentials some of them actually overcame it and got results, in fact better results than Rudi Gutendorf has so far got. This was done with less money, worse facilities and cooperation as well as not having the PSL competition which has done good things for the overall standard of Soccer in Australia and helped to make the national coach's job slightly easier.

Rudi has not been able to cure or even improve the deep-seated perennial problems that afflict the Socceroos and Australian Soccer in general: 1 — the inability to score goals when opportunities arise, especially in critical situations; 2 — the ultra-defensive play which often leads to failure because of the giving away of soft or stupid goals; 3 — the inability to do something constructive with the ball when a player gets it in a useful position; 4 — the lack of teamwork and understanding by players, many of whom have played together quite a few times.

Soccer Fan,
Sydney



EX-REF GIVES F.A. OFFSIDE

Controversial former referee Kevin McNally has blasted the English F.A. over the decision to discontinue the red and yellow card system.

McNally, writing in the London Sun, says: "I find it hard to believe that the F.A. could make such a diabolical move. The old men at Lancaster Gate seem to think that removing red and yellow cards from referees pockets will lessen the cautions and sending-off decisions. That's like taking handcuffs away from police to lower the crime rate."

"This backward move puts England out of step with the rest of the football world."

"The card system didn't increase the crime rate in Soccer — the players did."

"I'M NOT AN OLD MAN" CLAIMS BOWYER

The transfer of Ian Bowyer from Forest to Sunderland for \$550,000 has been likened to the deal which took the veteran Dave Mackay from Spurs to Derby County.

But Bowyer doesn't like to be regarded as a player at the end of his career.

He said: "Everyone at Sunderland stresses the wealth of experience I have had. But I'm only 29 and I aim to play for another four or five seasons — at least. Mackay was nearly at the end when he joined Derby County."

Forest boss Brian Clough admits he is sorry to lose Bowyer and described the player as "the best professional at Forest."

So why did he sell him? The big fee clinched things.

It was six times the figure paid to Orient by the Nottingham club when they bought Bowyer seven years ago.

Since then, Clough's Forest has had more than 300 games out of Bowyer but still sold at a huge profit!

STRIKING AT STRIKERS

Before being sacked by Crystal Palace, Malcolm Allison showed exactly what he thought of Palace's strikers.

Allison sold Mike Flanagan to QPR and transferred Clive Allen and Ian Walsh, a Welsh international.

Walsh commented: "Allison seems to be able to judge me on one game."

Interviewed on BBC television, Allison said: "I have to be more ruthless to succeed. I find I am colder to people now."

Some of his former players at Manchester City didn't exactly find Big Mal a "warm" character!

BURNLEY ISSUE A WRIT

Football life in England isn't all million dollar transfer deals; in fact most clubs experience great difficulty in raising quite modest fees for players.

Take the case of the transfer of Billy Ingham from Burnley to Bradford City a few months ago.

Bradford City agreed to pay \$70,000 in two instalments. The first \$50,000 was paid when the player signed. The other \$20,000 was due a fortnight ago but it wasn't paid.

Now Burnley have slapped a High Court writ on Bradford City for the rest of the fee. (Normally two months grace is allowed in these deals.)

Seattle Sounders offered Manchester City \$400,000 for Steve Daley but City won't accept a cent less than \$600,000. By the way, Daley cost Manchester City \$3,000,000. Not so long ago either.

ENGLAND TEAM SECOND TO CLUB SIDES

Most sensible football people in England realise it was a bad decision not to let England compete in the Gold Cup in Uruguay.

No decision illustrates more clearly the strength of the English clubs whose wishes invariably over-rule the well-being of the international team.

"Club before country" has always been the priority in England and it's not surprising that England's World Cup record — apart from brief 1966 glory — is so dismal.

Even more serious than England's non-acceptance of the Gold Cup invitation was the lack of interest shown in a wonderful tournament by the big

Nottingham Forest's great F.A. Cup win over Manchester United couldn't have come at a better time.

Before that game, manager Brian Clough and assistant Peter Taylor were strongly criticised for buying and selling which has done nothing to improve the Forest side.

In particular, strikers Ian Wallace and Peter Ward were labelled bad buys. Wallace cost \$2,500,000 from Coventry City while Ward cost another \$1,000,000 from Brighton. Both are small players, while Forest needed big men to cash in on John Robertson's service from the wing.

Now Clough is seriously considering moving defender Kenny Burns into the

IPSWICH PAIR FOR ENGLAND

Terry Butcher and Russell Osman were comparatively unknown when they played at the Sydney Cricket Ground for England against Australia in last year's Centenary International.

Now they're the hottest defensive pair in Britain — enjoying a magnificent season with top team Ipswich Town. Although both are only 21, some experts reckon they should walk into the England team.

"Talk like that is embarrassing," said Osman. "The League is full of players who said they were good enough for England — and didn't make it. We are both very young and can only go on learning."

All of which sounds like welcome modesty.

A STRANGE INJURY

Stoke City captain Ray Evans is out of football for six weeks following a strange accident.

Evans travelled to Birmingham to see his old club Fulham play Bury in a Cup replay. He slipped in a hotel car park, fell on his shoulder, and seriously damaged it.

forward line to partner Trevor Francis.

Even though Forest are

out of the European Cup and League Cup and cannot win the first division title, they could still land a major honour... in the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley on May 6.



BRIAN CLOUGH HAS A SHOUT

WATSON WANTED IN U.S.A.

England centre-half Dave Watson is expected to end his playing days in America.

Negotiations have already started for the Southampton star to be transferred to Minnesota Kicks. Manager of the Kicks is Freddie Goodwin, former Manchester United wing-half who once managed a Birmingham City side on an Australian tour.

Coke adds life to Soccer

FASHANU'S HUGE FEE

Rumours persist that Justin Fashanu will be transferred from Norwich City and that the black centre-forward is about to become England's first £4,000,000 player.

But Norwich manager Ken Brown is angry about the rumours. He said: "There is no chance of Fashanu leaving the club. I am happy to keep him and he is happy to stay."

However, Norwich did make a £400,000 bid for Derek Parlane of Leeds United and the wise ones reckon Parlane is wanted to take over from Fashanu.

A D I D A S HAVING A BALL

Adidas, the massive sports goods firm, will go to the European Common Market with a complaint about a football!

The company has been snubbed by the Football League which has instructed its 92 clubs they cannot use the Adidas ball in matches.

Adidas claim the ban is costing them \$1,500,000 a year.

The Football League markets its own ball, featuring red and white stripes. Only this one, or a plain white ball, is permitted — even though some top club bosses have said they'd rather have the Adidas ball.

The League says it could not open the door to every ball manufacturer.

Now the European Commission in Brussels will have to adjudicate on the Adidas claim that it is being victimised by a restraint of trade.

UK SOCCER

POINTS TABLES						SCOTLAND						
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Ipswich	15	10	5	51	22	40	PREMIER DIVISION: Celtic				36	
Aston Villa	17	6	5	47	24	40	Aberdeen				35, Rangers	30, Dundee
Liverpool	13	12	4	48	31	36	United				26, St Mirren	23, Partick
Southampton	13	7	8	56	40	33	23, Morton				21, Airdrie	18, Hearts
West Brom	12	9	6	35	26	33	11, Kilmarnock				9	
Arsenal	11	11	6	41	33	33	DIVISION ONE: Hibernian				40	
Tottenham	12	8	8	54	47	32	Raith				35, St Johnstone	34
Nottingham	12	7	7	41	29	31	Dundee				29, Hamilton	27, Mother
Manch Utd	15	5	7	26	31	27	well				27, Dumbarton	25, Falkirk
Everton	10	7	10	39	34	27	23, Clydebank				22, East Stirling	20
Manch City	10	7	11	40	27	23	Stirling				Albion	19, Dunfermline
Middlesbrough	11	4	12	39	39	26	18, Berwick				11	
Stoke	7	12	8	33	39	26	DIVISION TWO: Alloa				35	
Leeds	10	6	12	33	37	26	Queen's Park				30, Queen Of The	
Coventry	9	7	12	33	42	25	South				28, Montrose	27, Forfar
Wolves	9	7	12	28	37	25	Cowdenbeath				25, Brechin	25, Clyde
Sunderland	8	6	13	38	37	24	22, Arbroath				22, Albion Rovers	
Birmingham	8	4	16	32	49	20	22, Stenhousemuir				20, East Fife	
Brighton	8	4	16	32	49	20	20, Stranraer				15, Meadowbank	14
Norwich	7	6	15	31	52	20						
Leicester	7	2	19	20	46	16						
Crystal Pal	5	5	18	34	56	15						

LEADING SCORERS

DIVISION ONE									
20 — Steve Archibald (Spurs).	17 — Gary Shaw (Aston Villa).	16 — Garth Crooks (Spurs), Justin Fashanu (Norwich), Steve Moran (Southampton), John Wark (Ipswich).	15 — Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool).						

DIVISION TWO									
18 — David Cross (West Ham).	16 — Mich Harford (Newcastle) — 15 for Lincoln), Colin Lee (Chelsea), Brian Stein (Luton).	15 — Malcolm Poskett (Watford), Dave Moss (Luton).							

DIVISION THREE									
25 — Tony Kellow (Exeter).	23 — David Kemp (Plymouth).	21 — Derek Hales (Charlton).							

DIVISION FOUR									
21 — Robbie Cooke (Peterborough).	20 — Jim Lumby (Mansfield) — 18 for Tranmere).								



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